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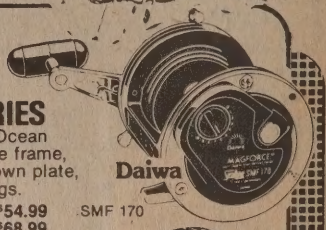

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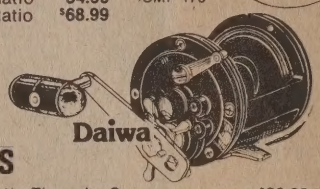

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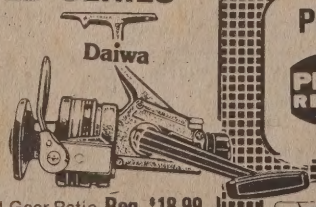

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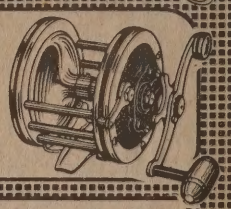

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Excitement runs high in the fall surf, especially when slammer blues are prowling the suds. If surf fishing is your game, you'll want to be sure to register for next month's Surf Bluefish Derby. Complete details can be found on page 14. There is also a Surf Fishing Workshop slated for this Thursday, September 19. For more information, see page 5.

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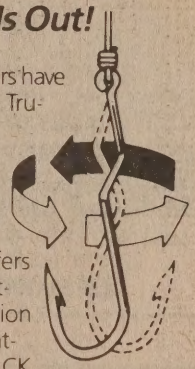

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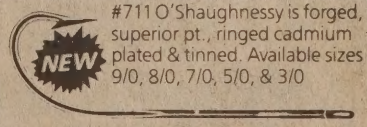

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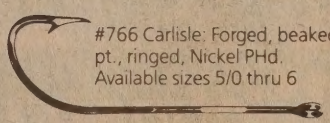

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This course is offered free to everyone. A nominal fee is required to cover the cost of the textbook, chart and piloting tools used in the course. The course may be taken without materials. To reserve a place in the course, or for further information, please call Peter Serniak, Public Education Officer at (718) 634-1498 or Andy Russo at (718) 232-3511.

SAFE BOATING COURSE

Classes in boating will again be offered this fall, at the Nesaquake Jr. High School, Edgewood Avenue, St. James. The course is designed to teach the boating public some of the basic knowledge necessary for the safe handling of their boats.

Registration will be on Tuesday evening, September 24th at 8PM. Classes are held for eleven weeks and at the completion of the basic Course advance classes are available. The Smithtown Bay Power Squadron sponsors these classes. A fee will be charged for instructional materials only. Public Relations Officer Nick Mitchel can be reached at 265-0225 for more info.

MCA OFFERS A REMINDER ON BASS LAWS

Any bass taken must be 24 inches and over to be kept. Any bass under 24 inches must be returned.

New York State has determined that only bass in Eastern Long Island waters are suitable for retail consumption and are allowed to be harvested for commercial use. A line drawn from Wading River on the north side and Shirley on the south side separates the Island. Only fish east of that line can be taken for resale. The reason being that those striped bass east of the line contains less PCBs and can safely eaten without ill effect.

A bag limit of two bass per angler is the law throughout the state. Those anglers who fish east of the line and have a "commercial striped bass license," can take an unlimited amount of bass as long as they meet the legal size limit. Charter boat captains possessing a commercial license are not governed by the two fish per man limit, providing all fish taken aboard the boat are appropriately tagged. In short, the license covers the boat.

After a study of bass on Long Island, the PCB levels of striped bass on the eastern end have been determined as having acceptable levels of PCBs and are safe to consume. Furthermore, discarding the belly section and the dark meat will reduce the PCB level greatly. It seems to be that this contaminate collects in the fatty tissue of the flesh.

10TH NORWALK BOAT SHOW IS LARGEST IN-WATER SHOW

The Norwalk International In-Water Boat Show, the largest in-water boat show in the Northeast, will mark its 10th anniversary September 26 through 29, featuring close to 600 boats, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), producer of the show.

The five-acre Cove Marina in East Norwalk, Connecticut will represent a comprehensive overview of the sophisticated boating world for our days while the show's record fleet is on display.

Close to 350 representatives of the marine industry will be exhibiting a wide variety of craft for everyone, ranging in size from 7 to 63 feet in length and in style from daysailers, runabouts, inflatables and dinghies to sport fishing boats, high performance boats and luxury motor yachts. At least 131 major boat lines will be represented at the show, with many manufacturers introducing boats new for the 1986 model year. In addition to the array of pleasure craft, exhibitors will display engines, electronics, navigational equipment, accessories, boating apparel, nautical furniture, artwork, literature, insurance and finance products.

Bayliner's 1400 Capri Bowrider will be the prize boat which awaits the lucky person who wins the Norwalk International In-Water Boat Show/ WEBE 108 FM radio's 10th Anniversary Great Boat Giveaway. The prize boat, which comes as part of a special package including a 50 hp Force outboard motor and galvanized Escort trailer, will be provided by Napoli Marine of Haverstraw, New York and Clinton Harbor Marina of Clinton, Connecticut. The 14 foot powerboat sports a full range of standard equipment including AM/FM cassette stereo system, swim-step, tailored upholstery, Bimini top and carpeting. The prize boat drawing will take place at the show. Connecticut residents may want to stay tuned to WEBE/FM for news on the event.

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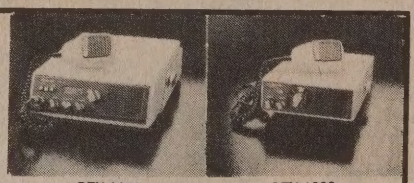
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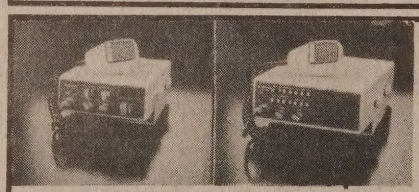
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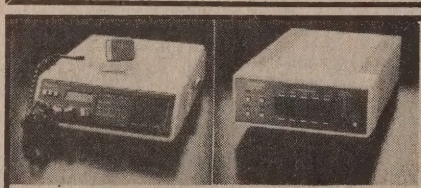
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For those who enjoy water skiing, the Mercruiser Water-Ski Show will make its Northeast debut as center attraction in the Action Arena. The fully choreographed water-ski show will be synchronized to music and will feature professional water skiers who will perform both instructional and comedy routines. Water-ski acts will be presented throughout the show's four-day run.

The Little America's Cup is awarded to what can legitimately be described as the world's fastest catamaran around a race course. DiMauro successfully defended the International Catamaran Challenge Trophy sailing his Patient Lady catamarans in 1977, against the Australians and in 1978, 1980 and 1982 against the Italians. DiMauro's Patient Lady VI catamaran, along with stories of his racing adventures, will accompany him to the show.

The Norwalk International In-Water Boat Show will run from Thursday, September 26 through Sunday, September 29 at East Norwalk's Cove Marina, exit 16 off the Connecticut Turnpike. Hours are 10AM until 7PM daily with $2 parking on-site for 2000 cars. Admission Friday through Sunday is $6 for adults and $2 for children under 12; admission Thursday, Red Carpet Day, a preview day for serious shoppers, is $10.

NEW YORK CITY 4-H CLUBS FISHING TRIP

New York City's 4-H clubs went snapper fishing recently and came home with an ice chest full of the delicious critters. The day's fishing trip was hosted by Ted Sunday, owner/operator of Barren Island Marina in Brooklyn and was held on the main dock of the marina. Ted supplied the kids with cane poles, hooks, bait, hot dogs, soda—the works!

Shortly after arriving at the dock, the snappers began biting and the kids, many of whom had never gone fishing before, went wild with excitement. A few inquisitive porgies were also landed, as well as a few nice pilot fish.

At the end of the day, Ted awarded 3 high quality rod and reel combos to the kids who caught the three heaviest fish. Bill Fink, 4-H Science Specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension, organized this event and is already planning a beach walk/seining trip for 4-H kids as the next marine education activity.

If you would like more information about Extension's marine education program in New York City, contact Bill Fink, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 100 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11202 or call (718) 237-0920.

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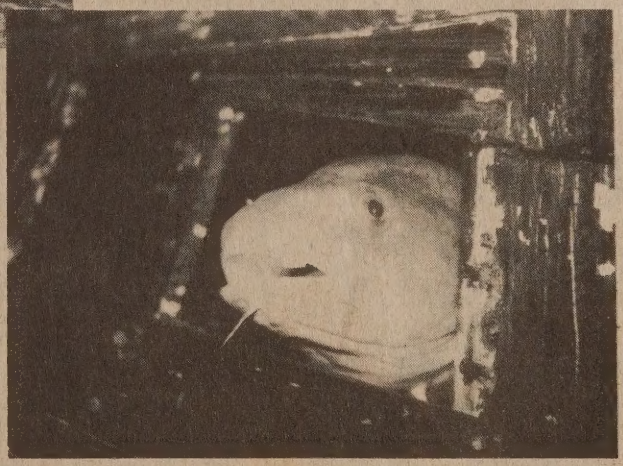

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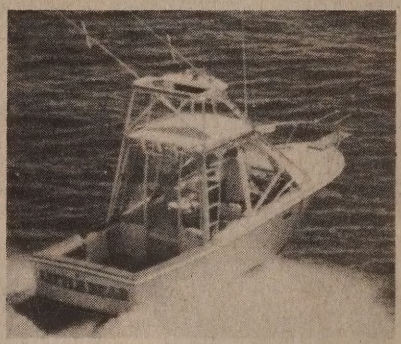

The Bimini 24 is a "mini sportfisherman" that combines the convenience of small boat trailerability with the reliability of big boat inboard power. With a large cockpit area and many custom fishing features, she's a very special boat that will appeal to a wide range of fishermen. The Bimini feels equally at home on the inshore grounds searching for fluke and blues as it does on the offshore grounds ready to battle sharks, tuna or marlin.

With traditional, graceful lines the boat is an eye catcher. Many fishermen may recognize the sleek hull and say, "That boat looks familiar"—and they would be right. The Bimini 24 is a direct descendant of the old Topaz 24 and refines this excellent design with improvements in hardware, layout, interior and power options.

My first introduction to the original 24 was about 12 years ago while bass fishing off Sandy Hook. I was used to fishing in either a 12 tin boat or in a buddy's 20 foot center console. The 24 seemed huge in comparison and was a delight to fish from. Taking a close look at the new, refined Bimini, it was a pleasure to see that none of the original appeal was lost; in fact, the new version has added to the fishability of the boat.

Overall length is 24 feet with an 8 foot beam. When you first board the boat the well laid out cockpit space is impressive. There is as much fishing room here as you would find on some larger boats. It is obvious that the boat was designed from the start to provide lots of space for several anglers. There's room for a fight chair, tackle storage and room to fight the fish with standing space for the angler, leader man and gaffer.

The surface of the deck is non-skid with a gutter around the edges and a slight crown to help water flow out from under fishing feet. A pair of deck hatches allow entry into the bilges to service the hydraulic steering, bilge pumps, Groco water strainer, battery, wash down pump, trim tab pump and fuel lines.

Teak shelves are built under the gun'ls to hold tackle, lures, rigs, bait rigging tools, gaffs and wash down supplies. A pair of teak rod holders could also be installed here for rod storage.

The engine box cover can double as a seat with the optional cushion added. Additional rod storage can be added by mounting rod holders on the aft end of the box.

Just ahead of the engine box on the helm deck is a storage compartment that is handy for such items as tail ropes, wash down bucket, downriggers, spare dock lines and tackle plus affording more access to the bilges to mount transducers for electronics.

The helm is neat and clean, all gauges and instruments built into a raised teak box. Service of the instruments is exceptionally easy. There is space directly in front of the instrument box to mount a recorder. Additional electronics can be mounted on the port side of the cabin door or for extra protection and lockability the VHF and Loran can be mounted on the bulkhead or overhead of the cabin right by the door.

The cabin itself is generous in size given the overall length of the boat. Both vee bunks are a full 7 feet long and storage areas are provided below the bunks. A hinged panel in the center of the bunks will hold a Porta-Potti. Choice of fabric is excellent and was chosen with fishermen in mind and will keep clean with little attention from the captain. Ventilation is from a watertight overhead hatch. The cabin door is louvered teak.

The main electrical panel is on the starboard bulkhead near the cabin door, so access to the wiring is simple. Any fisherman who enjoys installing his own electronics will appreciate this easy entry into the electrical system.

The hull uses a modified vee design for a ride that is kindly in most seas. In extreme rough water speed must be slowed, but the boat will be super stable and handle beautifully. Fishermen who anchor to chum blues and bonito or anchor over wrecks for bottom fishing, or who drift and diamond jig for blues in the rough water of the

fall, or who drift for sharks will be very pleased with the stability of the boat. The Bimini also runs well in a following sea while entering an inlet and is exceptional while trolling.

The craftsmanship that goes into each Bimini is unique. Each boat is hand built by highly skilled marine carpenters at the Johnson Brothers Boat Yard famous for their innovative boat building since 1919. All teak work is done to marine custom cabinet specifications that would usually only be seen on custom yachts. The fit and finish of the teak, mounting of the hardware, fit of the deck and bulkheads, the mounting of the hardware, fit of the deck and bulkheads, the mounting of the windshield on teak pads is very well done.

Stainless steel is used throughout for most hardware including the welded bowrail, hawse pipes, navigation lights, bow eye, cleats, deck hinges, cabin door hinge and steering wheel. A heavy duty rub rail is trimmed with a stainless band to help withstand hard knocks at the fuel dock.

The Bimini comes equipped with such standard items as bilge pump, bronze through-hulls with sea cocks, two bilge blowers, circuit breakers on the electrical panel, hydraulic steering, bonding system and heavy duty stainless shaft and four-blade prop.

The list of options includes freshwater cooling, cockpit lights, teak bow pulpit, teak covering boards, trim tabs, saltwater washdown, tuna tower with controls, Halon system, Raycor fuel filters and custom rigging with outriggers, rod holders and mounting of electronics.

There are two power options: a single Volvo BB260 gas or TAMD-40 diesel. With the diesel engine power option the Bimini will make 25 knots at 3400 RPMs and burn 4 to 5 gallons per hour. Top speed is 27.8 knots. Both speeds have been verified by a radar gun test. With gas power, the speed would increase to a cruise of about 27 knots, topping out at 30+ knots.

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Built to exacting standards with custom quality workmanship, the Bimini is a good value: she's well built, good-looking and is very fishable.

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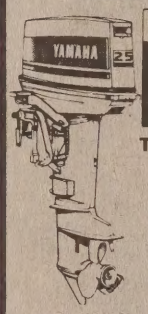

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I always read in your columns and those of other fishing writers about the importance of keeping hook points sharp enough to penetrate a thumb nail. Just how important is a sharp hook? And, what do you folks use to sharpen a hook so it will dig into a fingernail?

I have been fishing for years, not just a few seasons, but for most of my adult life and at many places around the coast and on many inland lakes and reservoirs. I've never bothered to sharpen a fishhook and have caught hundreds of different kinds of fish during my lifetime. Is the hook sharpening bit propaganda or is it factual?

Ed Krauter.

Dear Ed,

You bet it is important to keep hook points sharp. You do not say whether you fish the jetties or not, but I'd venture a guess that you don't. Jetty Jocks know how quickly a hook point can become bent or dulled and most experienced rock hoppers carry some type of file or hone so they can keep the hooks needle-sharp, which ensures quick penetration in a bony-jawed fish.

Big game anglers who troll artificial lures also keep their hooks sharp on the off chance that a hard billed marlin may take a liking to a hunk of plastic or metal. And, most of the experienced bottom fishermen we've known were sticklers when it came to sharp hooks.

There's a reason. When you do finally get a hit from a big fish you don't want to lose your prize because you didn't remember to keep your hooks in perfect condition.

We've used a regular Red Devil paint scraper file for yers and it is excellent for sharpening large hooks. Some of the battery powered files (actually stones) will sharpen big hooks, but most are designed for freshwater use where hooks are usually small and do not require a lot of pressure to take a sharp edge.

A file recently sent from Angling Aids is excellent for salt or fresh water use. It has a short cork handle and a good file for big or small hooks and it sells for a reasonable price at many sporting goods outlets throughout the northeastern seaboard.

I'd be willing to bet you've lost a lot of fish due to dull hooks, but were not aware that was the cause when a fish simply got off for no apparent reason. It takes but a moment to sharpen a hook and it could mean a trophy in the box rather than still swimming free.

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Dear Doc,

I hope you can help me with this one. At the start of each season, I suffer from a case of "saltitis." I get salt in the bulb sockets, electrical switches, fuse block and every place where it (salt) can interfere with electrical contacts. Every year all of the contacts and switches have to be opened and cleaned.

What can I do to stop the salt build-up? People have told me WD-40, Tuner cleaner, oil, oil with graphite, graphite alone and other methods, but they do not seem to do the job.

I really need help with this one.

Fred Haines.

Dear Fred,

I would venture a guess that every person who owns a boat and uses it for saltwater fishing has had some electrical problems. I've yet to find anyone who knows how to stop salt build-up completely. You can try all of the methods suggested by your friends and fellow fishermen and more than likely each will work for a short time. We, too, have tried spraying the connections with WD-40 and other highly recommended chemical sprays. For awhile they did retard salt build-up, but in the long run, Mother Nature won out.

The best solution to salt corrosion on electrical contacts and switches we've found is C.R.C. We coat the contacts, connectors, switches and other exposed electrical wiring with a thick covering of the C.R.C. and it will normally carry us through the season without any problem. But, come the following spring, we are back at the wiring with a brand new can of C.R.C. and a wire brush to remove any corrosion that may be keeping the connections from making full contact.

It is maddening. A few seasons back we had a big connector for our outboard wiring anchored near the transom. For about a month or so everything went along fine, but one morning when we were taking a well

known television personality out for some bluefishing, the motor just would not start. That connection was completely surrounded by a thick rubber gasket and yet when we finally discovered where the problem lay, we opened the gasket to find the loveliest green mess I've ever seen. A half hour with wire brush and we were back in the ball game. After spraying that connection with C.R.C. we didn't have trouble again in the folllowing three years we owned the boat.

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Dear Doc,

I have a couple of older model conventional casting reels that I usually carry with me whenever I travel to the Coast. I've used those reels for the better part of 20 years and they are as good as new. I keep reading about "speed jigging" and would like to know if I can use these reels for that type of fishing. I think, but am not sure, that the retrieve ratio of both reels is 2.5 to 1 or 3.0 to 1. Both are large frame reels and have line capacity of about 350 yards of 20 lb. test line. What say, can I use them for speed jigging blues? *Harry Gibbons.*

Dear Harry,

You will be at a slight disadvantage using a reel which has only a 2.5 or 3 to 1 ratio, but it can be done. A lot of anglers who are reluctant to purchase new reels are using slower retrieve models with reasonable success. It's a known fact that bluefish will often grab a diamond jigs that's worked at half speed while totally ignoring a diamond that's zipping through the water at flank speed. You will have to rely on those slower moving blues to provide your catch or go to one of the fast retrieve models which sport a 5 to 1 gear ratio.

In the late fall, when spiny dogfish are inhabiting the middle range waters you will be plagued by hits from the "doggies" if you are using a slow reel, but you'll also catch your share of blues even though you are not cranking the jig at flank speed. Doggies are not around during the summer and early fall, so you can get by with the slower retrieve reels if you are making the diamond look like it is something that's good to eat.

We've used all types of reels for jigging, some with an ultra fast retrieve and others that moved the jig at a much slower rate. We did catch fish on each, but if we had to select a reel specifically for speed squidding or speed jigging, we would go with any name brand that features the faster retrieve ratio. The Newell Reels, a product of the West Coast are ultra fast reels and will make a diamond literally fly through the water without causing undue fatigue from cranking the reel handle. Penn's Jigmaster is another excellent choice for speed squidding due to its large frame, excellent line capacity and retrieve speed. There are many others, but this gives some idea of what to look for when shopping for a fast reel.

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"BIG DADDY" ENCOUNTER

by Russ Wilson

A trio of Jersey sharkers come face to face with a mammoth great white.

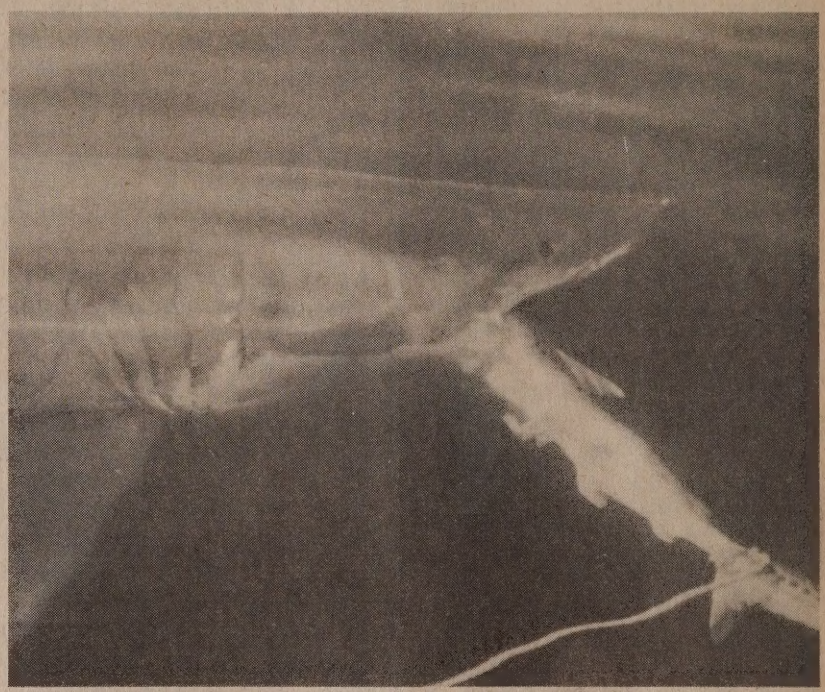
In some instances it just does not pay to get out of bed. Take the experience recently relayed to us from a Cinnaminson subscriber.

Dave Gordon relates an experience he and Frank Thron and Bill Thron had when sharking around the 28 Mile Wreck (Varanger) off the South Jersy Seaboard. Gordon was aboard the Throns' 22 foot Grady White on July 13th of this year when his tale began to unfold. Not being one of those superstitious fishermen, I won't go into detail about it being the 13th, which is automatically supposed to be a bad luck day.

At any rate, Gordon and the Throns had left Mayer's Marina in Somers Point at 6:30 AM and were settled near the 28 Mile Wreck by 8:30 AM. They immediately began spreading a chum slick of ground up menhaden in the hope it would attract a hungry mako or one of the other species of shark which inhabit coastal waters. As luck would have it, they chummed all through the day without so much as a sniff from a curious shark.

By three in the afternoon, Gordon and the Thron father and son team were beginning to feel snake bitten. Then two sharks came into the chum slick together. Both were tigers of 5½ to 6 in length and approximately 70 pounds. One escaped when the hook pulled, but the other was brought to the boat and gaffed when the crew realized it was bleeding too badly to survive. After gutting the small tiger, they tied it off to a transom cleat so the fish would remain fresh.

Dave Gordon said he first noticed small swirls rising to the surface at about 3:30 PM. The swirls were coming straight off the stern and directly aft of the now defunct tiger shark. Frank Thron and his son Bill climbed atop the engine box to get a better view and spotted the biggest fish he'd ever seen gently finning just off the stern. Gordon also climbed into the engine box for a better look and verified the size of the shark that was eyeing their tiger as it oozed blood into the clear blue waters. For the better part of a half hour, the big shark swam around and under the Throns boat before it again came back to the stern where the tiger was tied. Another fifteen minutes passed before the big shark (Gordon and both Throns thought it was a mako, but closer inspection by our office staff determined it was not a mako, but a



Great white has just taken tiger shark and is savoring the easy meal.

Partially swallowed, the tiger shark now resembles a snack for great white Gordon estimates at over 20 feet.

great white) decided to eat the hapless tiger shark. In three quick bites, the big brute had devoured the tiger clear up to the tail and then bit through the tail and swam off to enjoy his meal. During the attack on the tiger, the giant white spun the 22 foot Grady White 180 degrees. It was only after the big fish bit through the tiger's tail that it shook free of the boat and things began to return to normal.

That's when Gordon and Thron decided to try to catch the huge great white (Gordon said it measured almost as much as their 22 foot boat). They attached two bunkers (menhaden) and a big bluefish to their 80 lb. class outfit and dropped the package into the chum slick about three or four feet in back of the boat. Without hesitation, the great white swam up, engulfed the bunker/bluefish offering and headed off to digest his new found meal.

They did not bother to set the hook, for the giant shark had taken the bait down in one quick gulp and was racing off with the 80 pound test line trailing behind. At about 100 yards, the line just popped as it dragged across the sandpaper rough skin of the great white and that was the last our shark hunters saw of the beast. But, even though the huge fish escaped we doubt that Gordon or either of the Throns will soon forget their first great white encounter. Things like that just do not fade from the human memory banks.

As Dave Gordon retold his tale to this reporter I could visually see that monster gently finning as it eyed a potential meal of fresh tiger shark. What a fish that size thinks is not important, but what it can do to a small boat and its cargo certainly does create interest.

Any fish that is equal in length to the boat and possesses the strength to tackle anything that gets in its way should be avoided at all costs. There is no doubt that 80 or 130 pound class tackle is not heavy enough to subdue a fish that tops the 2,000 pound mark, especially when that same fish can turn around and eat boat, crew and whatever else that happens to come within reach of those incredible jaws.

The big white is still out there swimming and eating whatever it feels like devouring. You or some other reader might want to do battle with this monster and if so, I certainly do wish you all the luck in the world. However, when you plan that trip, don't bother to call me as I will definitely have important business to attend to elsewhere!

I like fishing for sharks as much as the next person, but for some reason the thought of tangling with 20 feet of teetth and fins does not really tickle my fancy. I would guess the Throns and Dave Gordon are of the same opinion. As Gordon related, "When the big shark passed the boat, its head was at the bow and its tail was at the stern." That, my friends, is one big fish in any league.

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PORTRAIT OF A FISHERMAN

Part One — *by Matt Ahern*

By the time you read this, I shall have been fishing over 60 years. This is certainly a long time as you will agree, and in that time I can honestly say I believe I've seen everything there is to in the bottom fishing game—from fire at sea, to the tragedy of shipwreck. And I'm still learning! Each time I go out, I learn something new—without fail.

Sure, up to a point luck enters into the fishing game. We've all seen or heard of the novice who has won the party boat big-fish pool over the effort of well experienced fishermen. That is a pure example of luck. This type of "luck" is a far cry from the skill and knowledge needed to consistently put fish in that bucket over and above the competition. If you doubt this, ask yourself how often you've seen this pool winning by a novice. Not too often, I'm sure.

Now all this might lead you to believe I'm a hot shot fisherman. But such is not the case at all. A fair fisherman, perhaps—after all, one cannot fish over 60 years and fail to achieve some measure of success—but in the true sense of the term "good fisherman," I am far from that.

I regularly fish with fellows who put me in the little boy's class and this they manage to do with little strain or pain on their part. I simply cannot out-cod my fishing buddy of these plus 60 years, Artie Leidecker; nor can I, except under rare circumstances, out-flounder Nick Hauck with whom I've been fishing 45 years this past March. These fellows are truly master fishermen, and against them, I cheerfully admit I come in a poor second. They have a certain something I know I'll never possess. But yet, oddly enough, we learn from each other. One complements the other.

And these two buddies of mine are not exceptions by any means. There are multitudes of such fishermen on the water each nice day (and on days not so nice). You will find these fishermen quiet, unassuming and steeped in fish lore. By those qualities shall you know them. Beware the self-centered braggart and noise maker who calls attention to himself, for rest assured he knows nothing about the fishing game. These are simply his self-conscious methods devised to trap all who will listen to overlook personal shortcomings, which are bothering him more than somewhat. The sad part is that this fellow will surely drag down those who accept him as an expert. A word to the wise is sufficient, for there are many about on the land.

A master angler will always help a brother fisherman—there are no ifs, ands, or buts about this. In all the years I've put in, I have never seen on of these kindly fellows refuse to help when requests are made in a sincere manner. They are notorious for cheerfully parting with knowledge and information which may have indeed taken a lifetime to learn. These are truly the same ones who know what it means to so desperatey want to catch fish.

And it was this method of securing knowledge that proved so useful to me during those days of yesteryear when I needed to increase my meager supply of knowledge. There were no magazines devoted exclusively to the needs of saltwater fishermen those days. Available books catered to the well-heeled, around-the-world big game fisherman. (How lucky we fishermen of today!)

But where there's a will, there's a way. And in this, I was lucky, for in the Brooklyn neighborhood in which I was reared, master fishermen abounded. They are long gone, of course, but their memory and kindness to a knee-pants kid is deeply etched and will forever be remembered. I'm prejudiced, of course, but I insist they were the cream of the crop.

I think that perhaps I'd better get on with this, for it is certainly boring to listen to someone tooting his own horn, regardless of the good intentions.

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retentive memory, the effort to recall fishing trials and tribulations is not all that difficult.

Let me first say that I became interested in fishing at the tender age of five. This was back in 1919, shortly after the First World War. I had seen a photo in the old New York Evening Journal of fishermen catching lafayettes from a rundown Brooklyn Pier. The supply of these small fish must have been great indeed, and the crowds catching them greater still. Some of those fishermen held handlines as they attempted to hook fish through broken and quite possibly purposely torn out wooden slats of the walkway. In my mind's eye I can still see mounds of fish scattered about the pier.

No one in my family was a fisherman and I can't for the life of me explain from whence this soul-stirring interest came, but I certainly had it. I couldn't read at the time, so I asked my dad to read the accompanying story to me. I never forgot it, and to this day, lafayettes hold a special niche in my fishing heart. I knew then, just knew, mind you, that someday I would become a fisherman. There were no two ways about that; it was as certain as the sun's rising in the east.

I don't know if you believe in fate, but in the summer of 1920 we removed to another Brooklyn neighborhood. I didn't know it then, but I was about to embark on a lifelong fishing career.

The day after we had removed and settled in, I sat alone on the chipped brownstone stoop of the tenement—a tenement which would become my home for many years. I was probably thinking dark thoughts, if such is possible for a six-year-old, for I certainly missed my friends of the old neighborhood. How long I sat there, I don't know; but I do know that the first kid who spoke to me was skinny, tow-headed, eight-year-old Artie Leidecker, who was destined to become (and still is) a bosom buddy of 65 years standing and who remains to this day closer than a brother.

Artie and I never mentioned the word "fishing" when we first met. Whether this was because there was little incentive to do so, I can't say; it wasn't until the following summer when Artie said the magic word. He told me of a pond hidden away in a local cemetary which was said to contain bullheads, white perch (which we kids called silver fish), goldfish and some mighty hefty carp. The fish were there for the catching, Artie said and maybe, because the thought seemed appealing at the time, maybe we ought to look into it.

O Happy Day!

As for tackle, Artie said he was told any whippy willow branch would do. A bottle cork for a bobber, a length of black sewing thread for line, a carefully bent straight pin for a hook and a mixture of flour, sugar and water for bait was all we needed. So began our fishing careers.

Artie and I didn't catch a fish the first few times we tried. But one day I landed a three inch bullhead. That was all it took! From then on fishing dominated my life, causing hundreds of sleepless nights, many lost financial opportunities, which I willingly passed up if I thought they might interfere with my fishing, plus that host of minor annoyances which true fanatics of our sport fall heir to.

I have never regretted it.

From pond fishing, Artie and I graduated to saltwater and we (along with other kids of the time) gave the Canarsie and Sheepshead Bay snappers, yearling mackerel, and lafayettes a hard time for many summers. But it was the party boats from those two ports which fascinated me. Just to watch those boats return with fishermen weighted down with all kinds of fish was enough to set me to trembling. By hook or crook, I told Artie, some day I was going to get aboard one of those boats.

This was my dream and it possessed me as none other in my life time.

Little did that small boy of so long ago know how well that dream would be fulfilled, even to the extent of skippering a party boat when he was not yet 18. I believe now that had I been aware of how far that dream would take me in the bottom fishing game, I would have been alarmed by what knowledge I had need of in order to succeed. I'll tell you truthfully, I believe I would have had misgivings aplenty.

And this is where those master fishermen I mentioned before came in. As each seasonal species of fish became available, I asked questions of these experts. And boy!—could I ask questions! I had yet to fish aboard a party boat; in fact, I had yet to catch one of those fish I was so interested in, but because of this intense desire to learn, I became a walking encyclopedia on how it was done. Sadly though, little did I realize there was a vast difference between knowing and doing.

So well did I learn because of this intense interest that by the time I was twelve, I was actually accepted by those master fishermen as a genuine sinker bouncer. Of course, I now know that because my interest was so sincere they hadn't the heart to discourage me from sitting in on their discussions. I suppose I really made a pest of myself at the time and when I look back now, I'm sure many of my questions were foolish and asinine. But to the everlasting credit of these kindly fishermen, not one ever told me to roll my hoop elsewhere. I'm sure that had they done that, my spirit would have been broken. I'm sure too that they recognized this. Truly, there were great fishermen in my Brooklyn neighborhood.

So—enough horn-tooting for now.

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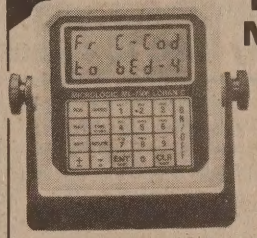

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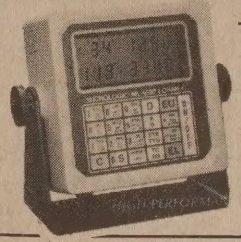

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PICK AN INLET

by John Fritz

Long Island's south shore inlets, rich in fish attracting structure, play host to opportunistic surfmen.

Any fisherman worth his salt knows that structure attracts fish. In the realm of the surfcaster what more dynamic structure is there to be found than an inlet. An area of swift currents, deep water and, in most instances, bordered by an extensive array of weed covered boulders, a natural place for predators to seek prey. While the spacious ocean beaches do have their moments of glory, usually occurring during periods of migration, over the course of the season more consistent fishing can be found along the shores influenced by the water coursing through an inlet. Let us assume that most anglers are aware of the opportunities afforded by the very nature of an inlet. In this way we can direct our attention to the subtleties which separate the techniques practiced on the open beach from those which are more suited for deep fast flowing currents.

Shore fishermen can basically divide the approach towards fishing an inlet into three categories; the shore washed by ocean waves, the banks of the channel where sea and bay meet, and the placid waters rarely affected by the turmoil of the open sea. Given the unstable nature of coastal regions, there is a subtle blending of these areas rather than a permanent sharp delineation. For instance, a massive rock jetty might line the edges of the channel where the bay waters make their final rush to the sea. This structure, intended to stabilize the banks of the channel, provides unrestricted passage for boat men. The forces of nature will rarely acquiesce without a struggle, the first grains of sand will be filtering into the waterway before the dredge sails below the horizon. In other words, bars, shoals, pockets and all manner of fishable bottom formations develop in a so-called stable inlet. Even in the straight, abbreviated waterways like Shinnecock and Moriches the bottom formation varied. Wise anglers learn where this structure has formed and which stage of the tide provides conditions favorable for holding game fish.

When suitable structure is found within the confines of an inlet, it will often negate the need to undertake the often hazardous trek to the jetty's outermost tip. The lure of the seaward extension of any jetty is too strong for serious fishermen to resist for long. With good reason, for the rips formed off this unnatural obstruction to the normal flow of water is an ideal location for seeking game fish. This sometimes dangerous journey should not be attempted without proper equipment and a knowledge of the structure of the jetty, as well as existing sea conditions and the stage of the tide. If sea conditions are questionable, it is foolish to attempt fishing the tip of one of the longer jetties, such as Jones on a rising tide. Waves that pass harmlessly by one's feet at low water can generate enough force on an incoming tide to hurl an unsuspecting angler into the sea.

Metal studded soles are an integral part of any jetty jockey's gear, whether they be worn with a wet suit, short boots and rubber pants or waders. Even with the added stability afforded by such footwear, a long handled gaff is a necessity if no safe approach to the water's edge is near. When night fishing from a jetty, a more powerful neck light is required than when working the quiet waters washing a sandy shore. The Tekna Lite II Model 1020 will provide the powerful beam needed to spot a fish being tossed about in the jumble of rocks at one's feet. The fish, now safely in the angler's grasp, is then threaded onto a stringer which has been securely fastened to a substantial object on the jetty. An angler engrossed in catching fish, while perched in such a precarious position, should be constantly aware of his surroundings. A changing tide, a shift in the wind, a passing ship are all elements which could pose a serious danger to a person far from the safety of the shore.

For less adventuresome fishermen or when towering seas make any attempt at reaching the jetty tip foolhardy, the pocket, where the ocean shore and the jetty intersect, can provide excellent fishing. This is particularly true during the fall migration when southerly winds and pursuing game fish force the baitfish against the shore. Their westward journey along the beach is interrupted by the rock wall of a jetty and this natural entrapment creates a concentration of bait which the predator is quick to seize upon.

Obstacles in the natural flow of the inlet currents also offer the weaker swimming baitfish a respite from the

Inlet jetties, such as the west jetty of Moriches Inlet, are prime locations for bass, blues and weaks.

strong currents. Pockets, scoured out of the bottom sediment, or back eddies, along the down-tide edge of an obstruction, are places an anglers should thoroughly check out.

Transient strips of sand frequently provide the daring angler a means by which he can approach the sharp dropoffs of the main channel. In some south shore inlets, most notably Fire Island and Jones, extensive areas of sandy shallows must be occasionally crossed before fishable waters are reached. Caution should be exercised to avoid tripping over hidden objects, stepping into soft pot holes, an outsized stingray, or otherwise losing one's balance. Regaining one's feet in still waters presents some difficulty when wearing waders, but add a forceful rush of water to the task and it becomes critical.

At first glance it would seem that long casts are not necessary when fishing an inlet, basically this is true, but there are exceptions. Short, sturdy rods are the norm when working from jetties because deep water is usually at one's feet and it is necessary to exert extreme pressure when bringing a large fish to gaff. In fact, conventional gear is the standard for many serious jetty fishermen. Even when granted this passageway to deep water, on some occasions, the jetty does not extend far enough. The fish may be lying alongside a bar beyond casting range or concentrated in the outer portion of the rip, formed as the currents swirl around the tip of the jetty. Longer rods and lighter line may enable an angler to reach these distant fish but veteran jetty jockeys, rather than compromise an efficient tackle combination, often choose to float the lure to the fish. Floating plugs can be cast downtide and allowed to ride the outgoing currents until the desired location is reached. With the reel re-engaged the plug is ever-so-slowly worked back uptide.

When extensive sand bars and shallows are a prominent feature of the prospective fishing area, the need to reach deep water is often a prime prerequisite. If a safe approach to the channel edge is uncertain, the 11 foot stick, typical along the open beach, might be appropriate. This rod, coupled with a large capacity spinning reel, is also suited for working the pocket on the seaward side of the jetty. Generally speaking, the further that one retreats inside the inlet the lighter the tackle required, a 9 foot rod with a reel similar to the penn 710 is about as light as one should go. It should be pointed out that most inlets are littered to some degree with submerged pilings and rubble discarded after a prior construction project. This coupled with abnormally swift currents require tackle substantially more stout than that acceptable in calm less obstructed waters.

Daylight pursuit of surface feeding game fish are the most obvious example of an inlet's productiveness, but those anglers working the night tides are more frequently rewarded with trophy size fish. At such times, lures which swim well below the surface are found to be most productive. While bucktails, lead-headed jig and even a slowly worked tin will produce on occasion, sinking and deep diving swimming plugs are more popular. Where sharp dropoffs are found close at hand, even trolling plugs, such as Super Strike's Rattler, are used effectively. If the plunging depths are affected by angry sea, heavy bodied plugs such as Danny's Conrad will swim with a more natural motion. In contrast to such ungraceful shaped plugs there are enough occasions where miniature lures such as the jointed 5½ inch Rebel sinker has taken sufficient fish to become an integral item of a wise fisherman's plug bag. Those unfamiliar with the bottom structure of the area to be fished would be advised to test the waters with less expensive lures at the start.

In this all too brief outline of the possibilities afforded by an inlet little specific data regarding any particular inlet is given. Each inlet presents its own distinctive traits and even these, once identified, can be altered by the next wind shift. While some basic patterns rarely change there are unseen forces constantly at work, filling in a pocket here or extending a sand bar there, to provide an angler with a fresh experience on each journey.

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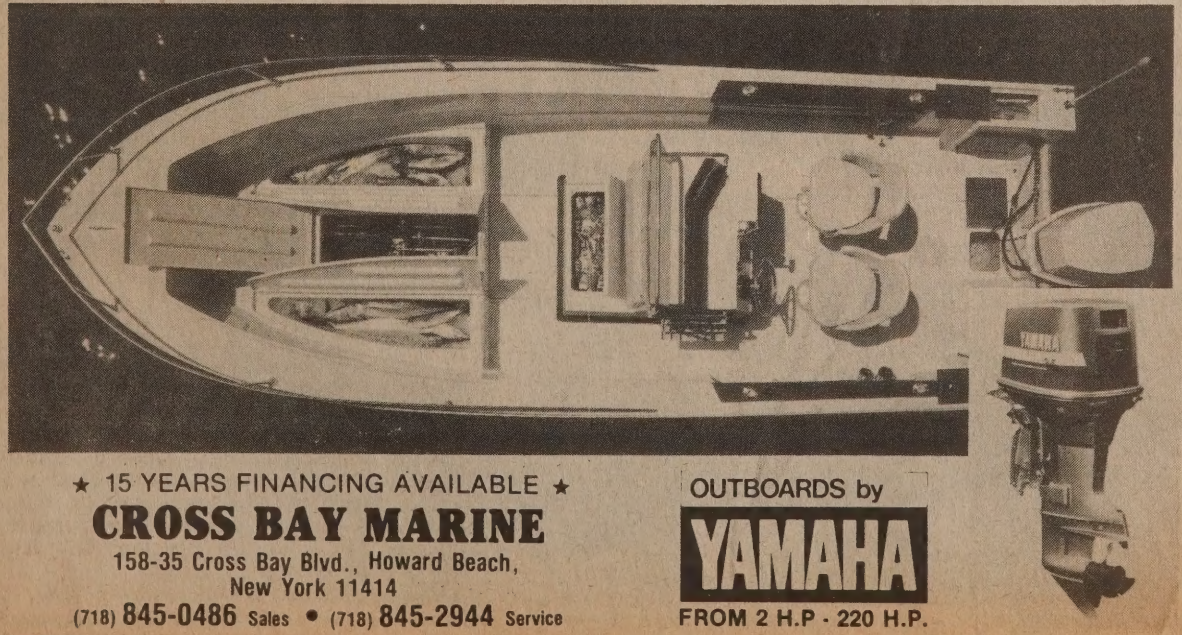

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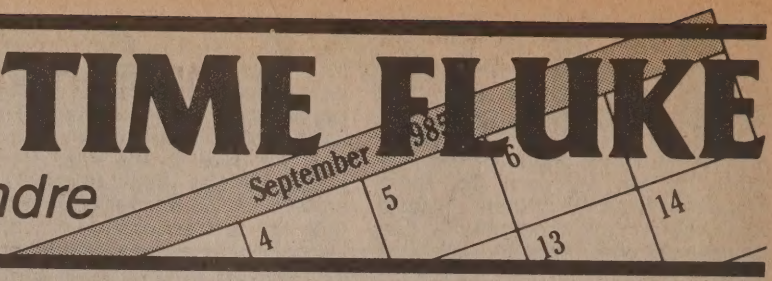

As we approach the vernal equinox—the astronomical event that signifies the precise moment summer officially changes to fall—those of us who fish the bays along the western south shore of Long Island tend to shift our angling efforts from summer species to those associated with autumn. Since this annual transition of seasons occurs on or about September 21st each year, it is closely timed with the departure of fluke and the arrival of blackfish and flounder.

For many of us, the opportunity to concentrate our angling skills on the newly arriving species is a welcome change from the routine of fluke fishing that has occupied our fishing activities for the previous three months. If your preference is daytime fishing and limit this activity to the sheltered waters along the south shore, then fluke has probably been the prime target for most trips. With the exception of snappers and their slightly larger cousins (cocktails blues), the height of the summer fishing season is primarily directed toward fluke within these back waters. As a result of these available species and the preference by most anglers for fluke, the three months from mid-June to mid-September is prime fluke time.

So now that the end of September is rapidly approaching, it is time to put away the fluke rigs and get out the chum pot. Right? Wrong! The latter part of September is the real prime fluke time. Keeper fluke time, that is.

It has become a generally accepted fact of life for those of us who concentrate our fluking in the bays of Long Island's western south shore to throw back many more fluke than we keep. The 14 inch minimum as established by law makes this mandatory. Even without such legislation, the fish that fall below this minimum length do not qualify as keepers based upon the simple fact that the anatomy of fluke result in relatively thin specimens with little usable flesh as food when at or below this size.

Wouldn't it be nice to catch fluke and be able to keep most of what you caught, having to return only a few because they did not meet the minimum size requirement? For those of us who have suffered the frustration created by catching mostly small fish throughout the summer, such a pleasant experience awaits us in September.

As the waters cool, the natural migratory habits of the fluke lead to a mass exodus from the bays the fish considered home throughout the summer months. This instinct seems to be felt first by the smaller members of our local fluke populations. As a result, many of the sub-legal sized fish are the first to depart.

Another aspect of this migratory behavior that should interest most fishermen is the need for fluke to feed heavily prior to commencing their journey. It is a long trip to the wintering grounds along the edge of the Continental Shelf and most fluke attempt to fatten themselves for this purpose. Fish that may have fed more cautiously during the summer, tend to become bolder and less wary as their

Einar Grell's 18 pound 3 ounce, 8 pound class world record fluke was taken long after after most sinker bouncers gave up the fluke chase.

basic instincts urge them to eat ravenously as they prepare for their migration. This suddenly felt need to eat at an accelerated rate often results in late season fluke accepting a greater variety of baits than might have been considered earlier in the season. It is not unusual for September fluke to take a particular bait that would have been passed up in the middle of July or August.

A final feature of this late season fluking that works in the fisherman's favor, is the simple biological fact that fish are constantly growing as they eat. Fish that just missed the legal minimum size in July, have probably gained enough length and weight by mid-September to qualify as a very legitimate keeper.

The above three factors all contribute to making fluke fishing worthwhile during the latter part of September and even into the early part of October. These factors give anglers a better opportunity to catch and keep more legal sized fluke than at any other time of the year. The smallest usually leave first, leaving mostly larger fish. They are feeding heavily, and marginal fish have had a chance to grow. You may not get the quantities that were available in July and August, however, the ratio of keepers should be much, much better. I know of many anglers who caught lots of fluke this summer, but were only able to keep a small fraction due to the predominance of small fish. Who is better off—the July angler who may get to keep two or three fish out of a catch that may have exceeded two dozen or more, or the September angler who will probably catch fewer fish, but will get to keep practically all of them? I tend to lean toward the latter.

Tackle, techniques, rigs, baits, methods and areas are generally the same at the end of the season as at any other time of the summer with two exceptions. Since the fish are in the process of leaving our south shore bays, fishing efforts should be directed close to the inlets through which these fish will have to pass. Secondly, baits should be larger than those used earlier in the season. Not only are the fluke larger by the end of summer, but so too are many of the natural prey that fluke feed on. Spearing, sand eels, snappers and other young of the year have also grown. In order to match the natural foods available to these late season fluke, appropriately large baits are needed. Even squid and fluke belly strips should be longer and wider than what was used in the middle of the summer.

Do not give up on catching fluke too early. As the numbers dwindle, the size increases. I have caught fluke in the vicinity of the Jones Beach fishing piers as late as mid-October. So if you have experienced the frustration of catching small fluke all summer long, give September and even early October a chance to produce some late season keepers.

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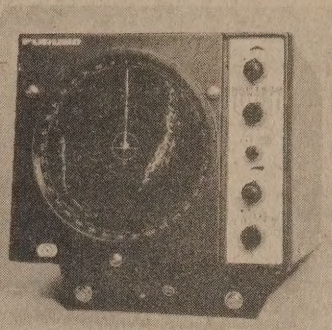

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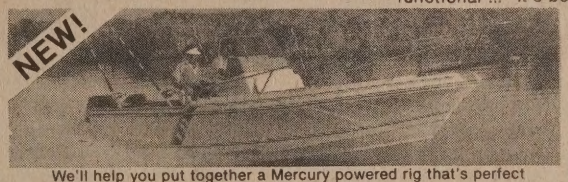

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Part One — *by Lou Truppi*

Well, it looks as though our 50 ton limit for giant tuna is assured for the New Jersey anglers this season. This again should give us a good year.

Last season proved to be the best we've experienced in five years. Giant tuna abounded and were caught in solid numbers. In this article I'll cover where, how and why so many anglers choose to tackle these uncompromising giants year after year.

First off, let me give you some background experience on myself. I've fished for the giants for some 18 years. My fishing experiences led me to fish Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York as well as New Jersey waters.

What's most significant is that with the exception of trolling methods we used up north, angling characteristics remain virtually the same. That is to say that chumming and trolling are the accepted methods up and down the coast.

Let me back up a bit into the trolling methods. Prince Edward Island and mainland Nova Scotia we trolled most of the time. However, on occasion we did chum. We simply obtained local fresh herring and mackerel to be rigged into a trolling rig commonly known as the "daisy chain."

Today, the daisy chain is back in the form of an artificial squid rig. The artificial squid rig has proved successful in both shallow and deep water trolling. To my knowledge this rig performs best when the giants are chasing bait in the early part of the season. So far, I haven't heard of any Mud Hole giants being taken via this method, but time will tell.

The basic squid rig we used was born of a 15 foot length of #19 brown single strand wire. Baitfish were laced head first at various points to the wire. The last bait was rigged with a 12/0 hook.

The finished rig is then trolled some 100 to 200 feet behind the boat. We used to troll the rigs at about 4 to

6 miles per hour. The correct speed would allow the rigged baits to skip lightly over the surface to closely imitate a school of bait. I'm sure this holds true of the new imitation squid rigs as well. The major difference between the two rigs other than the bait itself, is the way they're rigged. The daisy chain, as I've mentioned, is commonly made up of in-line baits fastened to a common leader. While the artificial rig is a blend of both a cross frame and in-line baits.

This is an adaptation of the standard umbrella rig frame that serves to spread tube lures in close relation to one another to imitate a school of bait. Perhaps the best feature of any of these rigs is that they cause a good deal of commotion.

The idea is much the same as a teaser used in combination with trolled baits for marlin. The oversize teaser gets their attention and brings the fish to within range of the trolled baits.

One overlooked fact that I would like to mention is that fresh mackerel, menhaden, or herring can readily be substituted for the artificial squids. Many times, the fresh bait rig will make the day. Bear in mind the live baits will probably have to be trolled at somewhat slower speeds than the artificials or the bait might tear off the rig.

One trick I learned while trolling this type of rig is to troll them off a mid-outrigger position. This added height lifts much of the line from the water and cuts down on drag. This will enable the angler to troll the rig at faster speeds if required.

A local innovative big game tackle shop, the Reel Seat, now manufacturers a couple of variations of these rigs. They utilize a smaller squid fastened to a non-breakaway frame. The frame is designed so that it can be trolled at higher speeds as well as for giant tuna.

The versatility of this rig makes it an all-around choice for both giant tuna and canyon trolling. Another solid feature is that the rig is not lost to a big fish. This alone can save the budget minded angler some bucks.

These rigs come in two sizes and are cable rigged to accentuate lure action and prevent bite-offs by large fish. I like the cable idea since it will withstand a lot more twisting than single strand wire. The smaller rig should be a knockout for bigeyes at the canyon this year. Both rigs come with the standard amber colored squids that most anglers feel closely resemble the real thing. The smaller rigs can be trolled with 30# class tackle, so this makes for a nice mid-size offshore rig.

Aside from the new rigs, everything else is pretty much the same in the terminal department.

One not so new development that filtered down from the north is the use of black leaders and dacron. Some go as far as painting the hooks black. I've tried both methods and found more hook-ups come via the black. However, painting the hooks hasn't indicated hook-ups more or less than I've experienced prior. I feel a silver hook tends to blend in better with the silvery bodied baitfish. Others I'm sure like to hide the hook completely. Many rig the bait to the hook with dental floss. My experience has led me to believe that a fresh bait coupled with a natural as possible chum line drift, can give you the edge in most cases. As I've stated, I agree with the black line and leader theory, but as yet I'm not convinced how much more is needed when it comes to rigging the bait. I've taken the giants on both large and small hooks that were exposed and non-exposed. What really dictates success on any given day is not always technique, but location and mood of the fish.

Hungry giants don't really scrutinize a bait, but swallow anything they can catch. I do, however, prescribe to the small hook school when chumming. I feel a 10/0 hook is more than sufficient to take slick fed giants. I've taken many on 9/0 hooks as well. A 9/0 hook certainly shows up less when coupled with your bait, than say a 12/0. A 12/0 may be used for trolling due to the need for a larger bite hook once it is concealed inside an artificial squid or rigged fresh bait. When chumming, the heavier hook might just add enough extra weight to make your bait appear unnatural as it drifts with the slick. So, be careful here and strive to match bait and hook size to appear as an integral part of the slick. Some days it counts; other days it won't matter. Still, other days you might witness the giants surrounding your boat, but won't touch your bait no matter what you do. It's all happened to me. In fact, I've had my worst luck fishing giants and at times I've learned the hard way.

Tackling the giant bluefins can be the most misunderstood area of all. I'm sure every good giant tuna fisherman will subscribe to the theory that 130# class tackle is the way to go. Most cases it is, but not all.

Some tackle modifications can be initiated to actually aid the angler. The past several years I've used 80W reels loaded with 130# dacron or 250# mono for most of my fishing. I found the 130# class reels to be awkward on occasion, so I switched. I've chosen a lighter rod also. Rather than use that old club style blank that would take a freight train to bend, I opted for 130# blank that displayed a softer tip coupled to a stout butt. This soft tip has definitely saved me fish. Since I fish a heavy drag, an unexpected close quarter run by a strong fish could lead to line failure on the old rig. I now have a comfortable shock absorber built into my new rod tips to forestall this from occurring.

This theory is much like the longer, softer, light line outfit. The rod tends to absorb the early shock until the reel drag brakes to allow the fish to take line. This initial break by a tough fish or any fish for that matter, is most critical. The softer tip also allows you to pressure the fish and maintain feel for his every move more accurately than through a non-bending telephone pole style blank. Monitoring a big fish's every move and deciding whether or not to add drag can be a deciding factor in landing that fish quickly.

Just holding on with remote feel and contact can cause angler fatigue and set the stage for a long battle.

Reels, like rods, should be the best you can afford for this type of angling. Lever drag reels with their added drag surfaces maintain a positive advantage over the big star drag reels.

I've taken the giants on all styles of reels and the biggest problem with the star drag versions is that they can overheat. This can cause the drag to freeze or fail when needed most. We used to bathe the reels with cool sea water regularly during the fight to prevent this overheating. This most readily occurs on a full drag setting, coupled with a blistering run. You can in all cases and with both styles of reels, fish less drag if you know how to correctly move a big fish. This technique I will cover further on in the article.

Suitable reels for this style of fishing are Penn's 12/0 to 14/0 standards and their 80W and 130 series Internationals. Fin-Nor 12/0 is excellent if you can afford the bucks. I've caught giants on all of these reels. As I've stated earlier, the lever drags are the best choice for a variety of reasons. Their drags can be preset of an accurate strike. A simple lever slide will move the reel from free to strike and full positions. The star drag you must flip the reel from free to locked spool position in one motion. This can cause a severe shock to the line, angler and terminal end. The lever reel gathers pressure gradually as you slide it into position. No big shock here, just gradual application until you reach the preset strike or full positions. This operation alone can save your fish. Why? Well, it's been my experience that a running fish (in this case one that has just swallowed your slick bait), will confine themselves to a moderate first run if less drag is used. Once you lock up to set the hook, the shock to both angler and fish can be made less offensive by a milder drag position. The star drag reels cannot provide this form of accuracy unless the reel is set to a lighter drag initially, then tightened when the run is over. Basically, you can accomplish the same with both reel styles, but it requires more manipulation with the star reels.

All giant tuna reels should possess high quality drags, solid one piece spools, one or more speed retrieves, capacity of at least 500 yds. of the pound test line you choose to use, strong oversize grip handles, and smooth easily set drags with enough surface to maintain pressure on heavy settings without seizing. Most reels I've mentioned and others I'm sure, offer these features.

CANOE THE CARMANS

by Jim Capossela

Meandering its way southward, this historic river offers the canoeing angler a host of opportunities.

The Carmans is one of Long Island's four main freshwater rivers. Rising in the vicinity of Suffolk County's Middle Island, it flows roughly southward for about ten miles before meeting the Bellport Bay area of Great South Bay. Though not very long and not very wide, the river hosts a boggling array of plant and animal life, including an amazing 40 different species of fish. As with the better known Connetquot River farther west, the Carmans is shielded from encroaching development in several different ways. First, several miles lie within Southaven, a Suffolk County Park. Several more miles fall within the Wertheim Wildlife Refuge. Even that mileage north of the park has a protected corridor by virtue of the Carmans designation (like the Connetquot) as a "Wild, Scenic and Recreational River." For certain, the Carmans is one of Long Island's most important remaining outdoor treasures.

While not just fishermen enjoy the river, fishing does and always has played an important part in the history of the Carmans. Perhaps the most notable bit of historical memorabilia concerns the Mass. Senator Daniel Webster, who caught a huge and purportedly world record brook trout on a visit to Long Island in 1827.

Fishing in the company of Samuel Carman, landowner and innkeeper on the river, Webster took the trout on a fly and story has it that it went 14½ lbs. However, while historians generally agree that Webster did indeed take a huge brookie, there is disagreement as to whether the fish actually was that big. Samuel Carman traced an outline of the big fish against his tavern wall and later a local blacksmith made a wooden replica. It is thought, though, that this replica—which was made to serve as a weathervane on Parson King's Church—was made one-third larger than the fish. This fact has led scrutinizing researchers to downgrade the size of the fish to between 9 and 10 lbs.; still no slouch of a brook trout. By the way, the weathervane, which was in the interim damaged by lightning, is said to still be in existence.

You can fish this pretty spring creek from shore (see The Fisherman, June 27, 1985); but there is another way to go at it, one that opens up the fishing possibilities considerably. That ploy is, of course, a canoe.

The available fish range from gorgeously colored rainbow trout, to native brookies, to brown trout, white perch of state record size, huge pickerel, largemouth bass, bassy schoolie stripers and "tremendous numbers of huge carp." Also yellow perch, grass pickerel, tomcod, bullhead, eel, flounder and fluke, a couple different species of sunfish, sea robin, weakfish—and the list goes on and on.

Most people on Long Island do not own a canoe, but worry not. There are now several places on the island that rent canoes, with the one most convenient to the Carmans River being Carmans River Canoe. They are located right on the stream on Old Montauk Highway and are open seven days a week year-round except November 15 to January 15. Besides canoe sales and rentals, and sales of related canoe equipment, they carry some bait (nightwalkers), limited fishing tackle and snacks and soda. At this store, look for two well-done pamphlets: "The Carmans River Story" and "Canoeing The Carmans River." Phone Carmans River Canoe at (516) 286-1966.

Some say there are four distinct sections to the Carmans. From a fishing standpoint there are two main divisions: above the dam at Hard Lake (just north of Old Montauk Highway) and below this dam. Above it, it is pure fresh water and here the

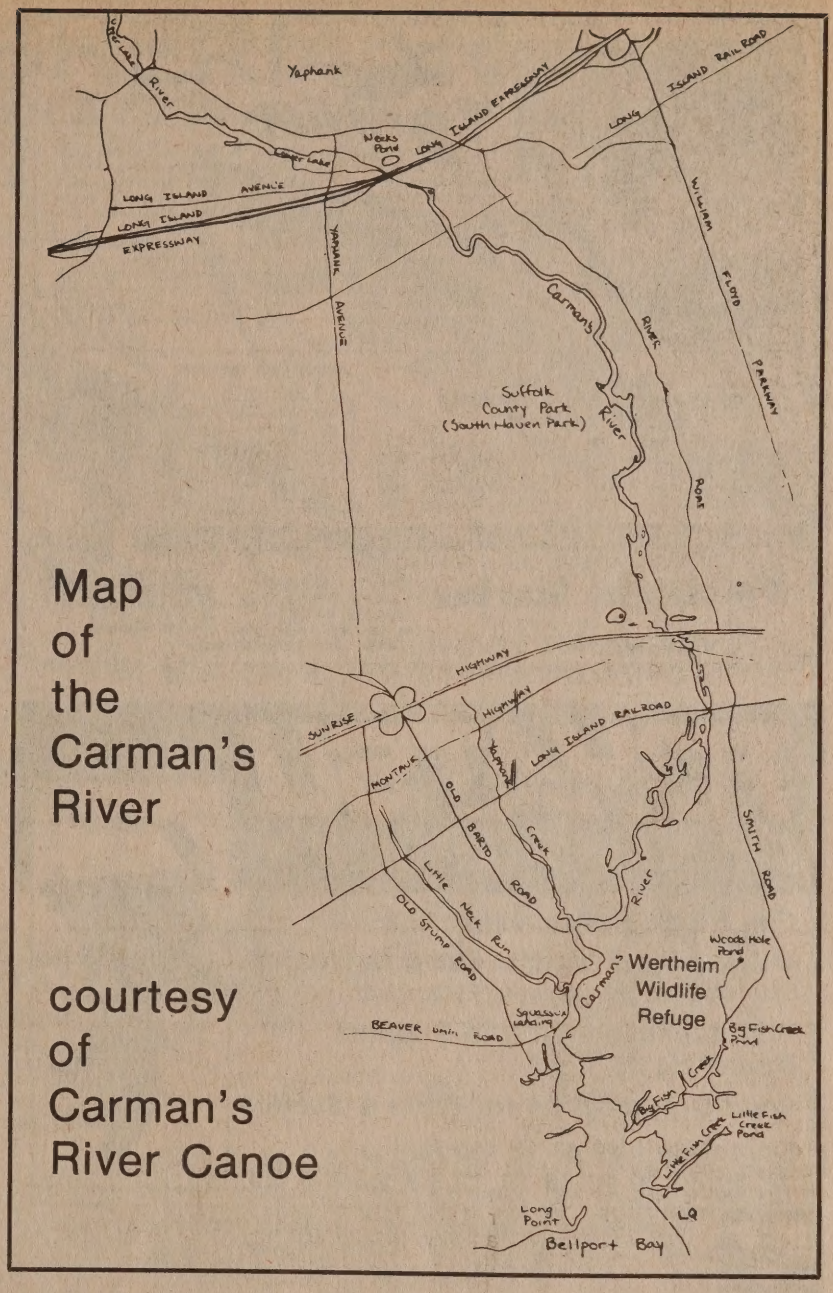
Carmans can be considered a bona fide trout stream. There are native brook trout, stocked browns and rainbows and also some largemouth bass. Below the dam, there is tidal effect and while salinity is almost nil just above and below Montauk Highway, it increases gradually as one approches Great South Bay. Here in this lower tidal reach there are still some trout, and more largemouth bass, but also a whole cornucopia of brackish and salt water fish. First, though, let's look at what the canoeing fisherman can expect in the upper section.

Generally, the most upstream point where canoeists put in is at the base of Upper Yaphank Lake. You can drop your boat off by the spillway on Mill Road, then park in the several available places on this or adjacent roads. Since both Upper and Lower Yaphank Lakes have been covered in other Fisherman articles, we won't discuss them here. But you should know that you can paddle up Upper Yaphank Lake into the Carmans' headwater reaches. This section is not stocked (that's because there is no good public access), but there is a natural population of native brook trout. Also, trout from the lake sometimes migrate up into the stream, especially in late summer and early fall when the water in the lake gets very warm. So far this year, there have been numerous trout of 17 to 20 inches (holdover browns) taken from Upper Yaphank, and these prize trout may well be encountered by canoeists who venture to the head of the lake and into the stream. While the brook is small and tight, a sleek canoe can still usually navigate up about a half mile from the lake.

The second stream section is between Upper and Lower Yaphank Lakes. The water is a little bigger here and very wild with few signs of civilization. Still, it is tight canoeing and fishing from a canoe is certainly not easy. Bring a short length of rope to tie up to a branch or tree when you want to fish. Better yet, wear waders and get out of the canoe. Any time after mid-May you can expect the foliage of this wetland brook to be very sense. Keep your rod short and practice fishing your nymphs, wets and dries downstream.

In this segment there are more trout and bigger trout versus the headwater section described above. There are native brookies—no brook trout are planted in the Carmans as these could interfere with the natural gene pool—as well as rainbows and browns. Both fly and spin tackle, including bait, can be used here, unlike in Southaven Park where it is fly fishing only.

If you have your own canoe, it's best to work with two cars to fish this stretch of the Carmans. Put one up on Mill Road or vicinity and the other down on Yaphank Avenue. This will save some very tough paddling up against the brush and current. If you rent from Carmans River Canoe, they will not only arrange transportation, but they will even arrange to portage you around the several obstacles you will encounter (bridges, dams, etc.).



Map of the Carman's River

courtesy of Carman's River Canoe

The third section is from the downstream end of Lower Yaphank Lake down to "Hard Lake," a widening of the river at the southern terminus of Southaven Park. The park does not allow fishing from a canoe, and this is **not** an affront to the fisherman, but a courtesy. Canoeing (without rod) is allowed on certain days only in season to allow shore based anglers the chance to ply their furs and feathers without disturbance.

The final section of theCarmans is easily the most important one to the canoe-equipped fisherman. This is the lower tidal reach from the spillway at Hard Lake on down to Bellport Bay. To my mind, there is nothing more exciting than exploring these mini estuaries where any one of a few dozen different fish may be taken on any cast.

To fish this lower reach, most people drop their canoe at Montauk Highway where there is room to park a few cars. Alternatively, you can pay $5 to park and launch at Carmans River Canoe. The advantage is that your car will be safely off the road and the dock boy there will help you put in with a minimum of effort or lifting on your part. A great many of the canoeists who start at this point, right below the dam at Hard Lake, paddle down towards Bellport Bay and then paddle or drift back up with the tide. However, if you had two cars you could leave the second one at Squassux Landing, which is about two miles from Montauk Highway at the end of Beaver Dam Road.

The upper part of this tidal reach, from Montauk Highway down to the

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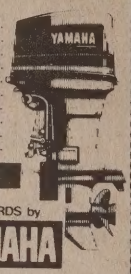

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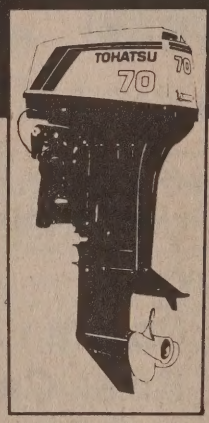

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refuge office is still trout water. Yearling browns and rainbows are planted each spring and some attain good sizes. There have even been some unconfirmed reports of brook trout spawning in the vicinity of Montauk Highway. This would seem possible because there is virtually no salt content just below Hard Lake.

There are fine largemouth bass and chain pickerel in the tidal reaches of the Carmans, and some reach very large sizes. Since the salt tends to stay towards the bottom and in the deeper channels, look for bass and pickerel in the upper stratum of the river and especially around shoreline vegetation.

Conservation department officials describe the white perch population in the Carmans as "phenomenal." The whites use the river to spawn, and action is usually best from late February into April (and sometimes even later; March is often the best month of all). Small spinners, twister tails, and wobblers will take whites, as will whole spearing or killies, or even salted minnows. The "perch run" is actually quite an event on the Carmans, one eagerly awaited when winter begins to gasp its last.

For those interested, there is an extraordinary run of herring in the spring—both alewives and blueback herring. These fish can be pickled and their roes are very good when sauteed. Also, whole live herring make top bait for striped bass and other saltwater game fish. On the lower Carmans there is also a small but dedicated contingent of "bow fishermen" who seek out the river's huge and abundant carp.

Stripers averaging 16 inches or so are found throughout the tidal section of the Carmans, and they provide great sport on light spinning or fly tackle. Few, though will meet the new minimum of 24 inches. As one approaches the main bay, flounder, fluke, crabs, weaks and other salty critters become more common.

This fall, for the second consecutive season, fingerling brown trout will be stocked in the tidal Carmans as part of an attempt to create a sea run fishery. The Connetquot already sees such a run and these salt going brutes sometimes push the scales to 8 pounds or better. At this point, it is too soon to tell if biologists will be successful in establishing a strong sea run fishery here; nonetheless, incidental sea run trout are already taken by a few knowledgeable anglers who keep their successes contained. There is a theory that the first good rain in October triggers the fish to move up into their stream to begin the spawning cycle.

The Carmans is truly a river for everyone. Not only can you explore the river itself, but you can prowl the many little tribs that enter the Carmans in its tidal section.

What will you catch? Well, there are few other places where that question is answered with such sweet uncertainty.

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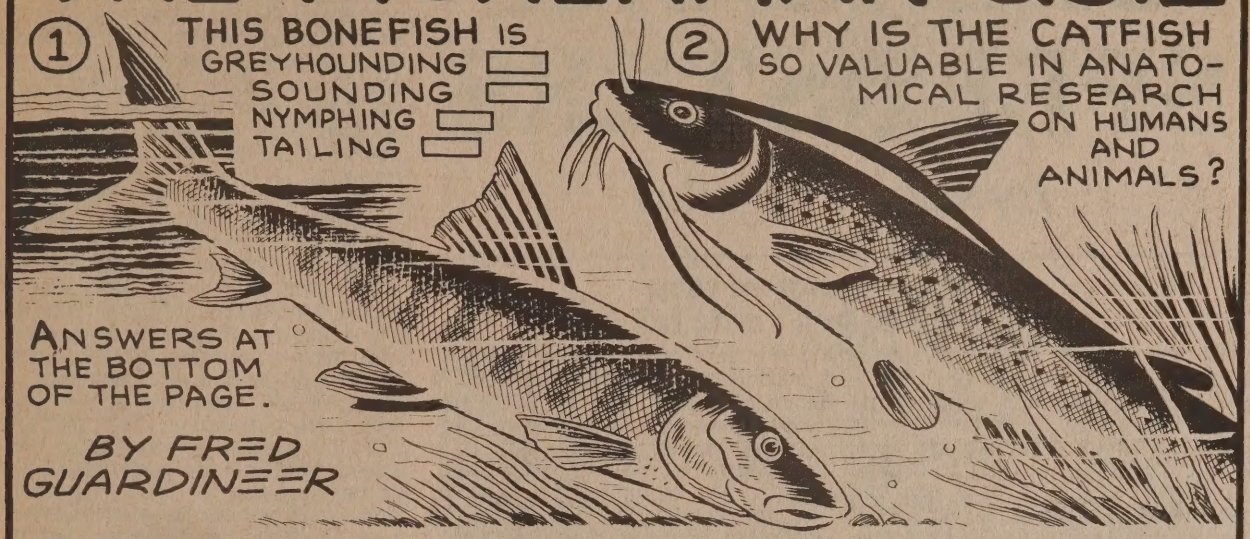

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GREYHOUNDING ☐
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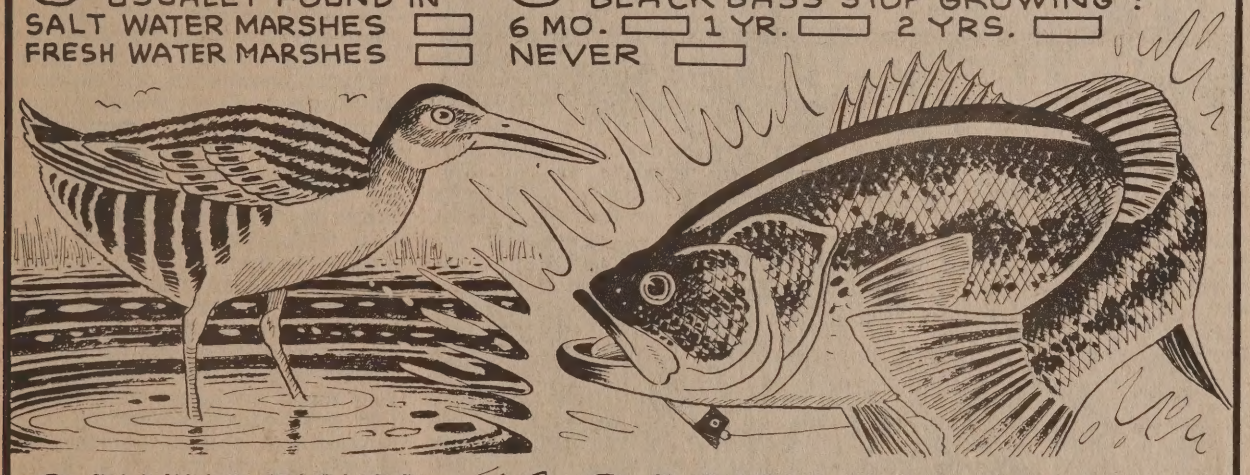

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SALT WATER MARSHES ☐
FRESH WATER MARSHES ☐

④ AT WHAT AGE DOES A LARGEMOUTH BLACK BASS STOP GROWING?
6 MO. ☐ 1 YR. ☐ 2 YRS. ☐
NEVER ☐

⑤ FLYING FISHES FLAP THEIR FIN WINGS LIKE BIRDS WHEN IN FLIGHT.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

⑥ THE SEA MINK THAT LIVED ALONG THE ROCKY COAST OF MAINE WAS HIGHLY PRIZED BY FUR TRAPPERS FOR ITS LARGE REDDISH FUR PELT. WHAT BECAME OF THIS ANIMAL, A READER ASKS?

1-TAILING. 2-IT HAS ONE OF NATURE'S MOST ADVANCED SENSE OF TASTE. 3-FRESH WATER MARSHES. 4-NEVER. BASS KEEP GROWING ALL THEIR LIVES, BUT NOT AS FAST IN OLD AGE AS WHEN YOUNGER. 5-FALSE. THEY EXTEND THEIR WINGS RIGIDLY AND SOAR LIKE A GLIDER. 6-THE SEA MINK, *(M. MACRODON)*, 3 FT. WITH 10 IN. TAIL, WAS HUNTED TO EXTINCTION 1860-1880.

OPEN BOAT SPEEDSTERS

by J.N. Raguso

Party boat anglers reap a special bonus come fall.

Although most "head boats" don't specialize in the pursuit of the small pelagic tuna that invade our inshore waters in late summer and fall, it is not totally unrealistic to catch double figures of tuna should the right conditions present themselves. The first step in your preparation to do battle should be to take two rods onboard. The first outfit should have a 7 foot fast taper, medium heavy action rod and a high retrieve reel spooled with 30 lb. mono to accomplish your primary objective, mainly, jigging bluefish on the bluefishing boat. The second outfit is your secret weapon and is kept in reserve. It consists of a 7 to 8 foot fast taper, medium light action rod with a smaller high ratio reel spooled with at least 200 yards of 15 lb. test. This reel must have a smooth drag to dissipate the heat of 100 yard runs. Some reels I've had luck with in the past are the Ambassadeur 5500 and 6500, Penn 930 and Newell 220F. To this you will tie a small, 1/0 to 3/0 coffee colored tuna hook of the Mustad 94150 or 9174 variety (remember, no leader) and wait for your chance to use it. You can get away with line as light as 12 lb. test or as heavy as 20 lb. depending on conditions, but 15 lb. line is a good starting point. Remember, you're on a party boat with 30 or more anglers intent on winching home the blues. They're not likely to be too amused over your penchant for taking tuna on light tackle should your fish run amok and tangle their lines, so your outfit must have enough guts to control the fish.

The general rule of thumb for bluefishing is to jig 'em up during the day and to use bait at night. Although you can catch an occasional bonito or false albacore on a jig, you will have more consistent success using bait like butterfish, spearing, sand eels or smelts. Since tuna seem to bite best during the day, you have a potential problem if everyone is tossing a jig and you try floating a line out among this activity. The inevitable result is tangled lines and frayed tempers. But don't despair, as all is not lost. Strategy dictates that if it's tuna you're after, get up a little earlier and get down to the boat an hour or so before it sails. Get a spot along the transom rail, as the boat has a tendency to stick its bow into the tide when anchored. The stern position will give you the best chance of free spooling a bait back unencumbered. Next, see if the mates have any cut bait or chum left over from the previous night's sailing. Normally, they'll give you a small bucket or two without too much fuss and don't forget to throw the mate a few bucks at the day's end for this courtesy. When the blues start sailing over the rails later on in the trip, they invariably will regurgitate their last meal, thereby providing you with a natural chum slick to attract more blues but hopefully tuna as well. Blues have a tendency to be in the bottom third of the water table, especially when you're anchored over a wreck. The tuna tend to feed on top, and this will be in your favor as you try to float a wireless baited hook back into the slick and hope that a chopper blue doesn't cut it off first. After the blues have been coming steady for an hour or so, start to dole the cut bait a handful at a time out into the tide. Wait a minute until this buffet sinks out of sight and repeat the process. This will take some discipline on your part, especially when the blues are coming in fast and furious, but the anticipated results should be worth the sacrifice. After awhile, if events follow the plan, you'll begin to see silver and blue flashes zip through your handout, just as it begins to float out of sight. This is a sure indication that your special guests have arrived. But more often than not, you'll probably have to float a bait back "blind," before there are any leading indications that tuna are in the area. At this time, take rod number 2, your secret weapon, and place your bait on the hook using one of two different methods. First is to simply hook it through the eye sockets and toss it overboard. It sounds elementary enough, but may not produce if the fish aren't in a frenzied mood or if the water's too clear. The second technique is to pass the hook through the baitfish's mouth, out the gills and impale it through the middle of the back, being sure to expose the point and barb. This method has a tendency to hide the hook and tricks those finicky eaters when they pull their "Morris the Cat" routine. A split shot or two will complete this rig about 3 feet above the hook if tidal situations warrant it. The final step is to flip the bait out into the slick straight back from the boat's transom as far as you can. This will give you a buffer from the melee occurring at boat side, as hooked blues frantically pull out all stops in their last efforts to achieve freedom.

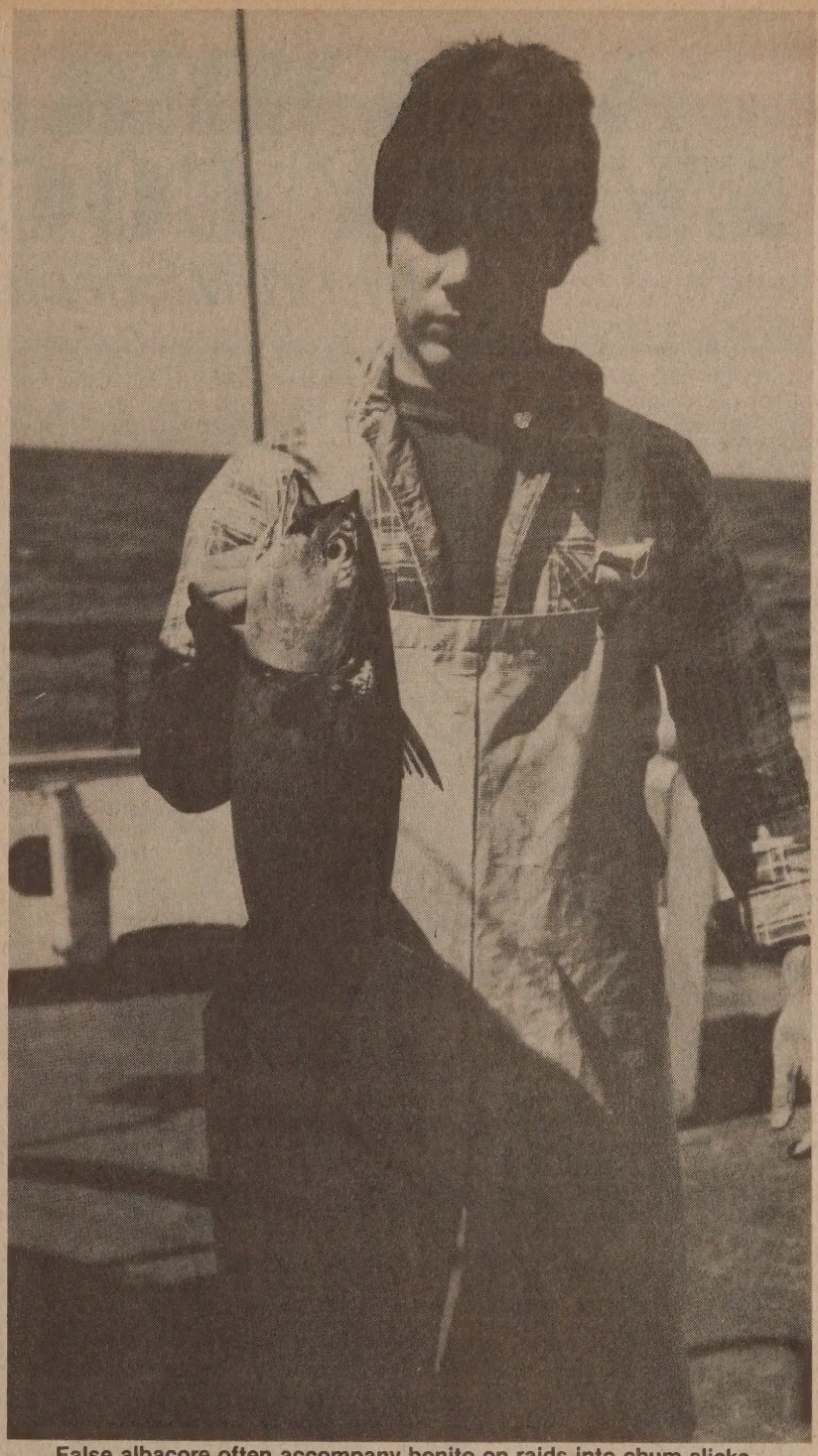
It's been my experience that when tuna are present in a slick, they'll hang out around 5 to 10 feet below the water's surface just past your line of sight. Most of your pick-ups should occur 60 to 100 feet out from the boat. The important thing is to keep your bait moving naturally at the same depth and speed as your chum line of chopped fish. This requires that you free spool your line out 125 to 150 feet into the slick, carefully noting the speed of the tidal flow and matching it as best you can. If you've carefully done your homework, what happens next is likely to take your breath away.

There will be no doubt when the tuna picks up your offering. It is paramount that your thumb is controlling the free spool at this point, because when the fish hits, the spool will do zero to 60 in a time that would embarrass a Porsche Turbo Carrera. Count to three and engage the reel's gearshift lever. Hold on to your rod for dear life and enjoy the show! When that tuna feels the sting of the hook, he'll do his best to "spool" your reel on the first run. Just bring that rod tip up to about a 45 degree angle and let your equipment do the work. Here's where that fast taper rod and large disc drag come in handy. You needed that soft tip to help flip out your almost weightless bait, but now that soft tip collapses into a much meatier mid section and this will literally tear the heart out of that tuna. The large multi disc drag will inexorably begin a process of burning out that powerful musculature. If your hook holds, you'll notice that the run begins to get shorter and a sure presage of victory is the moment your fish begins to perform tight "figure 8" turns as you guide it to the boat. But don't be overconfident here. Favorite last ditch tuna maneuvers are to run towards the boat at full throttle thereby creating slack line, heading for the props, or trying to take a wrap around the boat's anchor line should you be in the bow. "Drive defensively" as the old saying goes, and anticipate reactive measures should your tuna try any or all of these tricks.

If you cannot secure a spot at the boat's stern, there are realistic alternatives. A story from my Speedy VI/Captree files will best explain what I mean. A few years ago, my fishing buddy Zach Stern and myself took an early September Wednesday off from work to take advantage of the post Labor Day action on the Patchogue grounds. Having been

cursed with an excessive dose of the "sleepyhead syndrome," we got a late jump and barely made the 7AM departure time. We were distressed to find that about 40 early bird anglers had also seen fit to take the day off due to glowing fishing reports. Needless to say, all of the prime transom and corner spots were taken. We grudgingly took the point spots on each side of the bow pulpit and lamented that at least we'd be away from all the tangled lines, but the tuna chumming would have to wait for another day. Upon anchoring up over this fertile fishing spot, the anglers in the rear seemed to have all hooked up simultaneously upon getting their jigs to the bottom, but it was about 5 to 10 minutes before we could even get a touch from our bow position. However, the blues began to take hold and it was while bringing in a fish that I noticed something peculiar. The sand eels that my blue was spitting up on his trip to the gaff seemed to be drifting out past the bow of the boat. Although the strong wind was keeping the boat tight against the anchors towards the stern direction, the weaker tide was drifting out the opposite way—classical opposing wind and tide conditions. After two blues each, my partner and I put our rods aside and made a beeline to the bait board. Upon securing some chopper butterfish for chum and a few small whole butters for bait, we began to dole the buffet in earnest. Sure enough, within 10 minutes the slick was riddled with the telltale green flashes of **Sarda sarda** a/k/a, the Atlantic green bonito. I couldn't believe our luck as 35 some-odd anglers contented themselves with jigging the blues, totally oblivious to the fact that the bones were so thick at the front of the boat that you could walk on them! We were using 12 lb. baitcasting outfits and were taking a 4 to 6 lb. bone about every five minutes. Other anglers began to take the cue and soon bonito were littering the deck everywhere. When a school of larger 10 to 15 lb. false albacore joined the party, it was absolute pandemonium on board, with lines tangling, popping, and fish flying in all directions.

Suddenly the action just stopped dead in its tracks and for good reason. Squadrons of 25 to 50 lb. bluefin tuna buzzed through the slick and chased their smaller cousins away in pursuit of the free handout. Reel drags screamed in agony as these mini-subs scorched line in unbelievable power runoffs. I still get a chill when I recall seeing those huge shadows bolt out from under the boat and engulf the baits at full throttle. Although I was lucky enough to nail a 23½ lb. bluefin on my small "undergunned" baitcasting outfit, one of his larger brothers in the 40 lb. class spooled 225 yds. of line in one burst, and blew the left side bearing completely off my Penn 930 in the process! Brother, this was fishing! On every subsequent trip I've made on Speedy since then, a trip to his photo board confirms that this spectacular day was no illusion, but party boat fishing at its finest. Final total for that trip was 25 bonito, 8 false albacore, 7 blues and one bluefin tuna.



False albacore often accompany bonito on raids into chum slicks.

The moral of this story is that you'll never know when the silver and blue invaders will strike, but some elementary preparation will put you in the driver's seat when opportunity knocks. There is no sensation quite like having one of these H-O locomotives inhaling a bait at full tilt and shifting into overdrive when they realize it's either you or them. For me, it's one of the biggest thrills in fishing to feel the torque generated by these powerhouses as they melt line off the spool and do their best to rip the rod right out of your hands. Peak season is the month of September with any good blow late in the month normally sending these speedsters scurrying back south. So go on out there, catch a few while they're hot and get the fever, only be careful—there's no cure!

A CAMERA IN EVERY COCKPIT

by Art Michaels

If you put it all together the right way, you can get smashing pictures of your fishing expeditions. They'll help you remember those glorious trips even more, especially those fall trips, when the biggest freshwater and saltwater fish seem to bite bitter. But getting good pictures of your fishing companions aboard a boat presents problems with special solutions. The practical aspects of taking pictures, such as camera care and storage, and the technical parts, like getting correct exposures and selecting films, are different from the considerations of backyard picture-taking.

Here are a few ideas for capturing on film those fishing trips you want to remember as vividly as you can.

Right off the bat, think about carrying your camera and equipment on board a boat. I've taken pictures in 12 foot boats on mirrored ponds and in 26 foot cabin boats rolling around in increasingly temperamental seas. One thing remains constant about carrying my camera gear. It's safe if two requirements are met. First, the equipment has to be carried in a top quality bag that's made for toting camera equipment, and second, on board a boat that bag has to be placed where it's readily accessible, but where it's out of the way. You don't want people falling over the bag, just like you don't want people tripping over fishing and boating items, and you don't want the camera equipment flopping around the deck like a fish that's just been hoisted over the gunwale.

You'll find many camera bags on the market that are good, but if you're considering one, make sure it has the layout and compartments that meet your needs. For example, I frequently carry one motor-driven 35mm camera body with three lenses and a flash unit, plus related items like film, filters and so forth. Some of those bags are too big, allowing room for several camera bodies and many lenses, while others are too small.

You have to look around and consider only those bags that are right for your gear. You may want to consider brands like Tenba, Kiwi, LowePro, Fotima, Tamrac and Halliburton. In addition, Orvis and Cabela's offer useful camera bags.

Now consider what goes in the bag for your trip. I use a 35mm camera, and for balancing convenience and speed with quality, it can't be beaten. My camera is operated manually, but automatics of all kinds are just as useful. Your preference here is what counts.

For lenses, I carry three: a 50mm "normal" lense, a 28mm wide-angle lens, and an 80-200mm telephoto zoom lens. I get virtually any picture I want with this trio, but their application in a boat is particularly practical.

Quarters in a boat can be cramped, so the wide-angle lens is the workhorse. In a 12 foot rowboat, I can photograph an angler in the next seat netting a fish, without cutting anything out of the picture area. On a larger boat, like an 18 foot tin boat, I can stand in the bow area and catch the complete action of an angler fighting a thrashing bluefish at the side of the boat. Now you know why the wide-angle lens stays on the camera most of the time during boat trips.

The 50mm lens, called "normal" because for the most part it sees the area and view angle your eye sees, is useful for portrait-like pictures of people holding up their catches. Many of my pictures taken on the 50mm lens adorn the office, family room, and den walls of relatives and friends.

The 80-200mm lens is useful for photographing the action in another boat, or for zeroing in on something in the boat I'm in. For instance, I can stand in the stern of that 18 foot tin boat and photograph a closeup of a fish held in the bow, or I can zoom in on just the angler and the fish, as if I were using the 50mm lens but from farther away.

I sometimes fish with several people in two boats; so the zoom lens gets the nod when the guys in the other boat pull in the biggest fish (it always seems that way). In addition, the zoom lens throws the background out of focus on the distant shots, which creates a bit more drama in the picture.

Probably more pictures are taken of people holding up their catches than any other kind of fishing shot. Commonplace as it may seem, these are the pictures we cherish most, so it pays to learn how to take them well.

The most important rule of photographing someone holding up a fish is to keep the camera lens parallel to or slightly below an imaginary line drawn from the lens to the fish. In most cases, this means you have to kneel down on the deck or sit and take the picture aiming up.

Sure, it may be awkward and seem strange, but these pictures turn out to be the most dramatic. Photographing an angler with his fish in this way, from a low camera angle, accents the size of the fish and rivets the viewer's eyes on the fish in the print. If you have doubts, just take a few shots like this in addition to your usual method of picture taking, and I'll bet you'll agree when the prints come back that the low-angle shots are more dramatic and eye-catching.

And speaking of prints coming back, picking the film that best meets your needs is important, too. Generally, for color prints, I use films like Kodacolor VR 100 or 200, or the Agfa and Fuji equivalents. Similarly, for color slides, the Ektachrome 100 or the Kodacrhome 64 films are fine, as are the Agfa and Fuji equivalents.

Because most fish picture taking is accomplished during the day, I stay away from films with ASAs higher than 200. They're too grainy for my taste, and you just don't need all that extra film speed in daylight hours.

However, in your photographs you need occasionally to brighten harsh shadows created by strong sunlight, so that's why I use a flash frequently during the day in bright sunlight, especially in midday sun. The problem is simple: bright sunlight makes your exposure meter compensate too much for the shadows by reading only the brightly sunlighted areas, and your pictures reveal deep dark shadowy areas. Shooting the picture with your flash unit as if you were taking it in the middle of the night is one way to solve the problem. In this way, the flash unit becomes the main source for lighting the picture, and the overhead sun serves as "fill" light, filling in any shadows with light.

Another technique that I frequently use is to let the sun act as the main light source and use my flash unit to brighten harsh shadows. Consult your local camera shop or book store for any number of photography books that describe how to accomplish this for your camera and flash unit combo.

In general, you can duplicate this technique by setting the shutter speed for flash synchronization and exposing the film as you usually do for a sunlit shot. If you're closer than about 10 feet to the subject, cover half

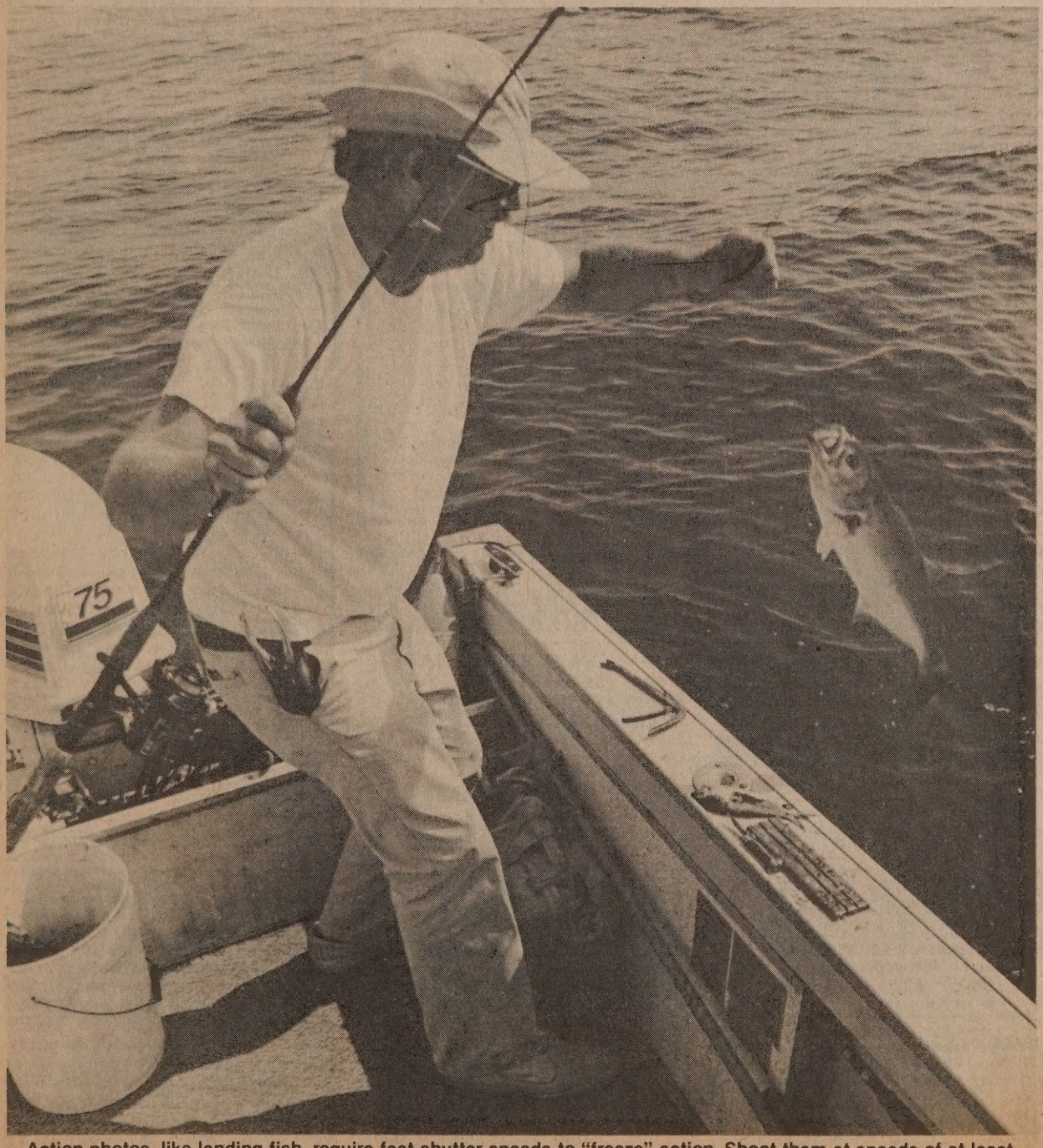
the flash unit bulb area with your hand when you take the picture. If you're farther from the subject than about 10 feet, don't cover the flash.

No discussion of taking pictures in boats is complete without considering how to protect your lenses from water, spray, scratches, and other hazards that could ruin a lens' outer glass element. Protection is simple. Put UV filters on all your lenses, and leave them there permanently. Better to scratch the filter glass, which is replaced easily, than to harm the lens glass.

Only one other filter is a must: a polarizer. Bright sun and reflections off the water cause glare and can fool light meters and wash out colors on your prints. A polarizer eliminates glare and saturates (deepens) color. Two kinds of polarizers are available: linear and circular. Consult your camera dealer for what you need on your lenses, and for the complete dope on polarizers, check out the 16 page special feature on them in the July, 1985 issue of Modern Photography.

Finally, you won't have problems with corrosion if you keep your gear in its bag except while shooting a picture or two. Don't leave a camera and gear out on the gunwale, or you may suddenly find your lens mixed in with the chum slick, and be sure to protect your camera and film from the sun. Heating film can increase contrast and alter the color reproduction. If your camera or lenses get wet, wipe them off with a clean, soft cloth. All-cotton handkerchiefs and baby diapers are excellent for this purpose.

All in all, these ideas can help you take terrific pictures of your boat catches. And remember, that these are the pictures you'll want to view as the years go by.



Action photos, like landing fish, require fast shutter speeds to "freeze" action. Shoot them at speeds of at least 1/250th-second. However, a slight blur in some part of an action shot gives a picture an eye-catching feeling of motion.

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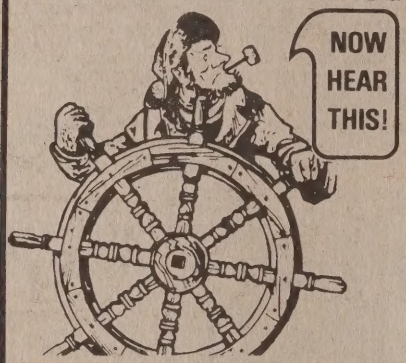

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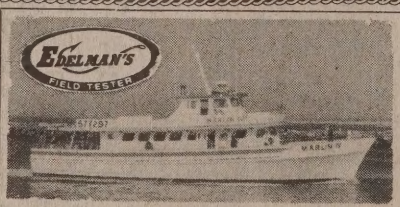

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

At least half dozen blue marlin, one of 835 lbs., were caught last week. Sharks, particularly makos are back in the news. Giant tuna catches have slowed considerably, however, frenzied activity continues with school bluefin off Montauk and Shinnecock when bluefish will allow. Porgy action is getting stronger. Fluke slowed, whether because of bad drifting conditions or that the fish moved out is anyone's guess. Some blackfish and flounder are around. Fall fishing at its finest!

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On the charter boat scene, Capt. Mike Bentivegna Jr, **Pronto**, with Teddy Archer and his friends caught over 50 monster bluefish at the Butterfish Hole on Saturday. On Sunday, green bonito, skipjack and false albacore moved into the same area when Al DeBlase and his friends made their trip. Bonito are fine eating, especially in tuna salad.

Captain Mike Albronda, **Montauk**, had a hot day Monday, 9-9, when Roger Planis and friends boated 16 school tuna to 50 lbs. Tuesday's group with Pete Salma quit at 28 tuna, while Thursday's charter with Kenny Crouin caught 10 tuna to 70 lbs. Captain Mike feels that the blow over the weekend was in part responsible for a slowdown in tuna catches.

Captain Chuck Mallinson, **Joy Sea**, is enthusiastic concerning the present tuna situation, noting that the water is quite warm and exceptionally clear. If last year's pattern is followed, tuna should continue to move through the area past September. Last Monday, 9-9, a charter with Lance Hicks caught 16 tuna to 80 lbs.; on Wednesday, Sebastian Misseri and friends caught their limit (4 per angler), while on Thursday and Friday, Joe Bisbano and Al Pacerno did the same. Since Saturday, the tuna slowed, with 4 bluefin and 40 bonito put aboard the **Joy-Sea** with a load of bluefish. Captain Mallinson made the trip to Shinnecock on Sunday, where his group boated 6 tuna, but had many hook-ups.

Monday's (9-9) group on the **King Wayne**, Anthony Halko and friends limited themselves to two bluefin per angler, quitting after 14, to find some sharks south of the tuna fleet. All seven anglers took turns fighting a big, 303 lb., male blue shark. While sharking, 8 yellowfin tuna to 80 lbs. were caught in the chum slick. A half day charter with Stevin Flynn and

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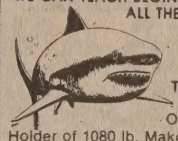
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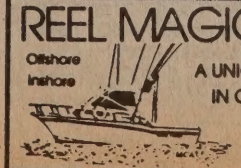
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firefighters from the Patchogue Fire Department loaded up with big Cartwright blues plus one codfish. Because of very rough seas on Wednesday, John Hallam and his group from UPS opted to return early after catching many bluefish, albacore and bonito. Dr. Albert Rispone was so impressed with the teeth on an 89 lb. brown shark caught on Thursday that the fish will be mounted and hung on the wall of his dental office. Later that day, Bill Wall and a group of attorneys bailed bluefish on Thursday morning. On the weekend, Lou Gasda of Forest Hills thought Friday the 13th was a lucky number: 17 bluefins, 32 green bonito, 8 false albacore and many blues were caught. Even though tuna were slow for Lenny Green and his friends, three bluefin were taken along with three barrels of bluefish. A night trip Saturday with the Printers Rod and Gun Club found so many blues that the boat was filled by 10PM. Sunday was a repeat performance on bluefish.

Captain Bill Ricca, **Alyssa Ann** was into heavy tuna action last Monday (9-9) when Howard Johansen and his friends boated 11 school tuna from 25 to 55 lbs., mostly on diamond jigs. Captain Ricca noted that at least 15 were lost on light tackle. On the weekend, tuna slowed. Rob Marano and friends caught two bluefin, some green bonito and false albacore, along with nearly 100 bluefish that appeared to have suicidal tendencies. Sunday, Lou DeMarco, Don Spagnala and his friends found the same situation. Captain Ricca expects these bluefish to be replaced by the many schools of tuna coming down from New England and is optimistic for a great fall run.

Our search for sea bass and fluke continued on Friday on **Edelman's** "Bullet" with strong northeast winds hampering our efforts. We did put 1/2 dozen fluke into the cooler, fishing the south side with poor drifting conditions, and found over 60 sea bass—top weight about 3 lbs. at various rock piles. Our group included Lou Rosado, Bob Ishkanian and Nick Schuck.

Captain Scott Weiss reports the capture of a 560 lb. giant tuna on the charter boat **Gusto** on Tuesday, 9-10.

Many school tuna were brought into **Gone Fishing Marina** last week despite windy conditions, until the weekend when bluefish moved onto the tuna grounds, a "condition" that seems to occur every 5 to 6 days. Strong winds held back the fishing efforts of many anglers, however, Joe Falke of Queens with Richie Allen located a 150 lb. mako fishing southeast of the Butterfish Hole on Saturday. On Sunday, the pair fished the North Side of Block Island where 36 fluke to 6 lbs. were caught. Blackfishing has picked up in recent weeks. Jim Brocad picked up some tautog at Washington Shoals and near the inner Shagwong buoy during the past two weeks.

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up with bluefish to 14 lbs. on Saturday with Eric and Bill Nyman. Sunday's trip with Joe Musso and friends switched to blues on jigs, when the tuna action slowed. A fishing report for the first week in September included lots of blues at Cartwright with Ben Miceli of Jersey City on Labor Day; blues and fluke for the Nymans the day after; full moon bass on live eels, with several bass to 38 lbs. on a night trip with Pat and Eric D'Andrea; and a couple of tuna boated with Tim Magee with many hook-ups at the Butterfish Hole on 9-6.

On a recent charter on the **Nostalgia II**, Tony Tropani and his friend, Bob, connected with school tuna with Bob catching his first ever.

Captain Phil Lewis, **Adios**, reported hot school tuna action for most of the week, with most charters catching the legal limit, 4 per angler, some keeping only what they needed for the freezer and releasing the rest. Anglers aboard the **Adios** the past week included Jim La Presti and his friends; Andrew Kaufman; Sal Delveccio of Portchester and Mr. Powell. On Friday, Capt. Lewis tried the Shinnecock area for gian tuna with Jim LoPresti where none were found, therefore the group enjoyed themselves with school tuna on light tackle. Sunday since a huge school of bluefish moved into the tuna grounds, a shark trip with Scott Howe of Astoria, Queens was well satisfied with blue shark action.

Captain Ron Grandinetti, **Julie III**, tried the Butterfis Hole on Saturday with Tony Lopez where nearly 100 big bluefish, 12 to 18 lbs., were caught along with a dozen bonito and some false albacore. On Sunday, an inshore charter with Harold Kimbell returned to the marina with over 500 porgies and a couple dozen sea bass to 3¼ lbs. fishing Great Eastern and the South Side.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** reports Nomans Land porgies "fantastic," with all anglers catching a minimum of two pails of porgies, most filling coolers with good size scup. Fluking was unproductive over the weekend because of bad winds. The **Starship's** tuna trips have had lots of action with sporadic catches of bluein, however, anglers have caught loads of bonito, skipjacks, false albacore, the ever present bluefish, as well as bluefin tuna. On codfish, the catch is dependent upon drifting conditions; Sunday's trip was very good while earlier in the week poor drifts accounted for slow fishing. Night bluefishing remains fantastic, with all you are able to catch, or want to. The next Georges Banks/Nantucket trip is scheduled for this Sunday evening, returning Tuesday night. A few spots are left. Call the office for reservations.

Little Bear porgies continue very good. A week ago, 9-7, Neil Nixon of Willingboro, NJ bagged 105, while Fred Blackwell brought 100 porgies back to Brooklyn. Captain Dusty Dorzbacher claimed that the "Perigee tide on the new moon, 9-14, brought all the fish in—August and September this year are way ahead of the last few years. Porgies are here!" Weekend catches since the "moon" include 180 scup caught by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vlataz of Elmont; 122 by Allan Morgenstern of Far Rockaway; 95 by Willie Comer of Pleasantville, NY and 70 by Peter Kublak of Jersey City.

Captain Richie Rade called to report on fishing activity on the **Marlin IV**: porgy action has been very good, with anywhere from 40 to 80 fish per man an average catch. Good anglers can easily fill at least two buckets of fish. On the weekend, dirty water caused by very windy conditions held down the catch a bit, however, the highlight of Sunday's trip was a huge sea bass which took the pool. Several blackfish are now counted in daily catches made close to the Point. On the bluefish scene, Capt. Rade reports all the blues you want—some anglers using heavy tackle for as many as 40 or more per man, with jigs and bait working equally as well. Blues are stacked at Cartwright, hitting the instant your bait or jig hits the water.

A party which included Jack Murphy, Bill Drake, Mark J. Pappas, Warren Amendola, Sal Cuomo and Jim Dolan fished on Capt. Joe Keller's "Bronco Explorer" on an extended trip at the Fishtails. A blue marlin, which weighed 486 lbs. was caught on the first day by Warren Amendola; the catch also included 2 bigeye tuna to 150 lbs., 11 yellowfin 100 to 150 lbs.; 7 albacore to 60 lbs., 15 dolphin to 12 lbs. and a 62½ lb. white marlin. It should be noted that the blue marlin was the fourth caught aboard the Bronco Explorer this season.

On a "Happy Birthday" charter with Capt. Frank Mundus on the **Cricket II** many sharks, both blue and mako, were fought. Charles Beller of Belle Harbor, NY caught two makos, one of 217 lbs., the other 110 lbs. On her first saltwater fishing trip, Cathy Bell caught a 120 lb. blue shark, Sheryl Murphy of Woodhaven a 70 lb. mako. Four additional blue sharks to 200 lbs. were fought and released.

Joan of **Captain's Cove Marina** stated that the past weekend showed a tremendous increase in shark activity, particularly mako sharks. Some of the sharks brought into the marina included two makos to 146 lbs. caught by Gary Frisone on the "Prowler" and a 300 lb. mako by Capt. Scotty on the "Wee Mac."

Many makos were brought into the **Montauk Marine Basin** for weighing most of the fish caught at the 40 fathom line, many weighing up to 200 lbs. Because bluefish invaded the usual tuna grounds, Sam DelRusso sailed his boat "Wavy" as far south as was necessary to get away from

bluefish. Thirty-five miles south of Montauk, he found tuna heaven—with all the solid tuna action anyone could want—school tuna, medium tuna, yellowfin—and no bluefish! Those in search of blue marlin were rewarded this week, with at least four weighed in on Sunday. Blue marlin catches included one of 229 lbs. on "Mountain High" and 375 lbs. on "Bite the Dust."

In anticipation of a "big money" blue marlin tournament to be scheduled next year, two boats tried an exploratory trip on a two day mini-tournament this past Tuesday and Wednesday. On the first day, after cutting off two big eye tuna, a 835 pound blue marlin was successfully boated after a fifty minute battle on the "Lourdes" by Carl Darenberg, Sr. The next day, Wednesday, the crew of the "Renegade" (fishing on the "Sea Lion") fought and lost two blue marlin.

SOUTH FORK

"Porgies are really hot", said Captain Artie Lach of the open boat **Wilhelric II**. "We had to use the net on some of the jumbos." Captain Lach has located schools of 2-3 pound porgies in deep water in local hot spots, and noted that there has been a definite improvement in the size and quantity of the fish since water temperatures have dropped off. Saturday and Sunday were the two consecutive best days of the past week. On Saturday, Ben Brody of Brooklyn was high hook with 95 scup, while Joe and Phil Westbrook combined for 135. On Sunday, Mrs. Hayman, a regular on the boat and star of the soap, "One Life to Live", caught 85. Captain Lach is sure that these medium to jumbo porgies will feed in L.I. waters at least until the beginning of October and suggests taking advantage of our mild fall weather to fill your freezers. Beginning this week, the **Wilhelric II** will commence blackfishing on Wednesday's only.

A group from **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton** located many blue and brown sharks 24 miles off Shinnecock. Joe Corr heard of pretty good tuna activity, with several giant tuna brought into local marinas. School tuna, mostly bluefin, have come into Shinnecock waters. Inshore, bluefish are wall to wall, while fluke remain steady in the bay.

Dick Mendelman at **Harbor Marina** at **Three Mile Harbor** spoke of fantastic bluefish action, especially at the rips at the Ruins and the Race, with best catches on trolled tubes, any colors. Because of strong north winds, flukers found calm ocean conditions, connecting with fluke along ocean beaches off Napeague.

Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** remarked that the porgies at Cedar Point are holding up remarkably well, with some nice size flounder and blowfish mixed in the catch. Catches of 200 porgies per rental boat were the usual the past weekend. Snappers are still plentiful and getting larger. Tons of bluefish have moved into Crow Shoals and the rip at the Ruins, with all you want of four pound fish on umbrella rigs. Anglers casting lures such as Rebels with light tackle are getting plenty of "fun action".

The ocean is red hot according to Larry Mangarillo at **Corr's Mariners Cove** in **Hampton Bays**. The catch of the weekend was made on Saturday on the 22 foot Boston Whaler, "Vivienne E" with Ralph and Dominick Paturno. The pair had just arrived at their "spot" 17 miles southeast of Shinnecock Inlet, and cut their engine, when a white shark "nudged" the boat. Ralph and Dominic immediately set up a chum slick and set out baits using 50 pound test line spooled on 6.0 reels. Finally the shark took a bait and was gaffed after a three hour battle. The white shark measured nine feet long, weighed 518 pounds at the marina. Quite a catch! Lots of tuna have moved into the waters off Shinnecock, with most action from 12 to 17 miles southeast of the Inlet. Several giants in the 400 pound range were weighed in local marinas during the week. Louie Menocal, fishing on the marina based boat "Alimar", returned late Sunday night with school tuna ranging to 100 pounds in weight. Rentals trying for fluke are returning with anywhere from 6 to 20 per boat, apparently dependent upon drifting conditions.

Plenty of bluefish around says Thom Speckenback of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**. Blues are thick in Shinnecock Inlet, in the ocean (at the Ruins near Gardiner's Island), in the Peconic Bays off Jessups Neck, and Nassau Point. A few small weaks among the blues at the last two spots. Since fluking slowed in the bay the past week try fishing the west bar. It should be ready. The fall run of blackfish and sea bass has apparently started at the Shinnecock jetties. Offshore, lots of school tuna around. On Saturday, Roger Costa boated ten bluefins fishing on his "Red Head II". The fall shark run has already started. Thom has a good supply of bunker chum, and mackerel and bunker bait in the freezer.

Captain Don Van DeWater of the charter boat **Dutch Treat**, called to tell of the tuna action close to Shinnecock both on Friday and Saturday. John Gladyz worked on four bluefin, top

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weight 60 pounds while John Cronley and a group of New York City fire fighters boated 14 bluefin along with some bonito and false albacore on Saturday. Captain Don also admired blue marlin, weighing over 400 pounds, caught at the Canyon aboard the "Tiger Lily"

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The transition to fall fishing was accelerated by last week's cool temperatures and northerly winds. Blackfish are now the main attraction for sinker bouncers, particularly in Great South Bay where fishing has often been excellent. Bluefish continue to please jiggers, trollers and chummers on the ocean grounds with an increasingly larger number of big blues making up the catches. Very good fishing for sea bass and porgies on the Fire Island Ocean Reef as well as on some of the Ocean Wrecks and blue water anglers enjoyed their best inning with tuna in some time. Highlight of the offshore scene was an 825 pound blue marlin taken aboard the Libra.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** reported that some fluke are still being taken on the east and west cuts near the Inlet. Better catches range between 10 and 15 keepers per boat. On Saturday, Eli and Bea Pepper along with Fred Cramer put away 15 keepers. Flounder are just getting started with the best bet now north of buoy 38 or at buoys 31 and 32. Those looking for a mixed bag can work the hole near buoy 42 with worms where blackfish, porgies and sea bass have taken up residence. Best bet for blackfish is at the inlet jetties where private boats have been doing a bang up job on them. Still plenty of blue claw crabs being taken in the cove.

Capt. Chip Contegni of the **Moriches** based **Capt. Leo** called to say that he is now sailing daily for tuna. He expects to be working the Patchogue Grounds in the weeks ahead. He did speak of breaking off three giants during the week fishing SE of Moriches. If you're interested in getting in on the tuna action you can call ahead for reservations at 878-9696.

Capt. Harry Dawkins of the **Center Moriches** boat **Frances Ann** reports lots of school tuna from 30 to 100 pounds in 130' of water south and

southeast of Moriches Inlet this past week. The fish are being taken on bait and jigs. He too reported a few giants hooked but none landed this week. Beginning this week he will be sailing open for tuna by reservation. He can be reached at 516-924-9015.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said the big news this week has been the excellent blackfishing underway at Kismet Reef. There are also some very good scores being made at the R.M. Bridge and at the Oak Beach Barge. To the east, the Moriches Inlet jetties have been producing plenty of tautog as well. Fiddler crabs working best on the fish. On Saturday, Jack Johnson had an 8 pound black along with several others in the 3-4 pound range among a big catch he made at Kismet. Small flounder are in the Sore Thumb Pocket. From the docks, snapper still available but they have slowed and appear ready to make their move towards the inlet. A couple of small flounder taken on the docks and a few crabs still being taken. Some big blues reported by liveliners in Moriches Inlet and no fluke reports from either inlet this week.

Fron **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban reported some good bluefish action in the vicinity of the Patchogue Grounds with a few false albacore and bonito mixed in. The fish were taken by chummers and jiggers. Several boatmen also reported good bluefish action stretching anywhere from the Bell Buoy out to the NA Buoy with big fish at the latter. The only worthwhile fluke reports involve a couple of catches made outside the inlet in 40-50' of water. Good quality but not much for quantity seems to be the rule now. Most sinker bouncers keeping well occupied with blackfish at the Kismet Reef and the Robert Moses Bridge. On the F.I. Ocean Reef, sea bass, porgies and a few blackfish have been providing steady action. Reports of very good action with yellowfins and bigeyes on the west wall of the canyon this weekend. Fish were again taking trolled lures readily. Back to the bay again, some big weaks on live bunker along South Beach, big snappers at Sayville and Oakdale docks but you must fish early AM or evening and crabs appear to be tapering off at the docks.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** reported some great blackfishing on the Kismet Reef and on bay wrecks this week. In fact, the skipper labelled it the best bay blackfish action in 6 years. On Thursday's trip, Ellen and Harry Jung of Brightwaters counted 51 tautog to 4½ pounds for their efforts. On Friday 71 year old Ruth Donato put away 26 blacks. On Saturday, Dee and Steve Laughton of Islip teamed to take 36

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nice blacks while on Sunday Jim Morris of Amityville took 19 blacks. The majority of the fish according to the skipper are falling into the 2-3 pound range. Fiddler crabs are accounting for the bulk of the fish being taken.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** relayed word of some hot canyon action on the weekend. He told of lots of yellowfin and bigeye tuna trolled on the west wall of the Hudson Canyon. Blues in the 8-12 pound class were stacked up near the Patchogue Grounds on Sunday for the jiggers with another body of big blues taken on jigs at the NA Buoy. Some skipjack tuna, bonito and albacore are mixed with the blues. One boatman on Sunday stopped to show a fine catch of big sea bass as well as 6 nice fluke and a mess of blues taken on the Fire Island Ocean Reef. The Kismet Reef and Robert Moses Bridge have been producing some very fine blackfishing with fish to 6 pounds checked in this week. Some small sea bass are mixed with the blacks. Use fiddlers or green crabs but remember that many of the bigger fish have shown a preference for the green crabs. Good numbers of small flounder being taken in the Oak Beach Cove and plenty of nice size snappers still around though they shouldn't hang out too much longer.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** spoke of some very decent action with bluefish and small tuna whenever they have been able to get out. Friday was a very good day with a good mix now of larger blues in the 10-15 pound class. Fishing is being done over open bottom and over some wrecks with both bait and diamond jigs. A reminder that the boat's special bluefish pool is now up to over $3500. in cash and prizes and still growing. Night bluefishing, although not excellent, has been consistent according to the skipper.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported that action with sea bass and porgies remains good on the Fire Island Reef as well as some of the wrecks. Sea bass on some of the wrecks have ranged up to 5 pounds although numbers are down on the wrecks. On the reef with the porgies and sea bass are a few blacks from 5 to 6 pounds with the best of this fishing will not be seen until October or November. Friday's trip was the best of the week with 8 anglers accounting for approximately 300 porgies and 200 sea bass. On Monday, Phil Bloom counted 37 sea bass to 4 pounds. On Tuesday, a pair regulars, Angie and Frank counted 42 mixed sea bass and porgies. Sunday was a tough day according to the skipper.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** said that very good action with sea bass and porgies continued through the weekend on the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Porgies ranged to 1½ pounds with an occasional larger and sea bass to 4. On Sunday, one customer counted 26 mixed sea bass and porgies.

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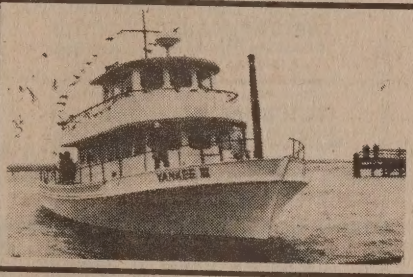

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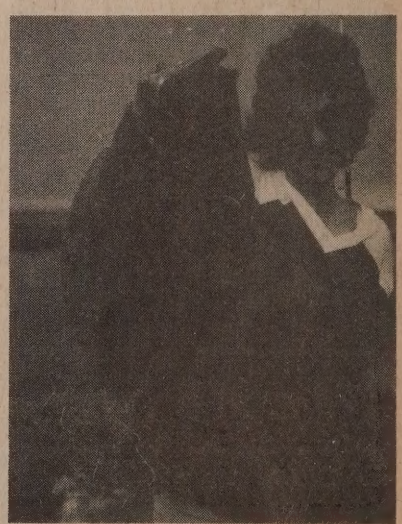

Being five months pregnant didn't keep Rachelle Crain from catching this 6 lb. fluke in Fire Island Inlet aboard the Fishing Fever II. Subscriber photo.

Tackle reported very good snapper fishing from the docks even as we spoke Monday AM. Some good blackfish action at the Robert Moses piers and also at the sight of the old construction dock on the north side of R.M. Noel weighed a 7 pound black for H. Gick of Brooklyn on Saturday. It was taken from the R.M. Pier. Jones Beach piers continue to produce good numbers of flounder.

Tom Healy of Augie's Tackle Shop in **Babylon** reported that it was a good weekend to be fishing, particularly if blackfish or tuna were your quarry. Tuna action at the canyon came alive for weekend trollers but the highlight of the weekend for offshore fans concerned the catch of an 825 blue marlin taken at the Dip Sunday AM aboard the Libra II. The Babylon Tuna Club held its Annual Bluefish Derby this weekend. Ron Bruckner led the way with a 14.5 pound chopper. Gaspar Garaputo nailed down 2nd place with a 13.10 while Gary Bruckner finished in 3rd with a 13.2 pound blue. Most of the better scores according to Tom were made in 80' of water and beyond with some especially good scores made between the Patchogue Grounds and the San Diego. Blackfish have been creating quite a stir with excellent fishing the rule at Kismet Reef, the R.M. Bridge and bay wrecks. On Saturday, George Greve counted 33 blacks to 3 pounds for his efforts at Kismet. On Sunday, John Bowman Jr. and Sr. kept 24 blacks to nearly 4 pounds at the Robert Moses Bridge. John Kier weighed a 9 pound black taken on Sunday at the Kismet Reef. The bulk of the blackfish action has been on fiddler crabs. Green crabs are accounting for some of the larger fish. Fluke continue to hang in the reports. Not much in the way of numbers but some good size fish now being taken including a 9 pounder weighed in during the week. Flounder are at the Sore Thumb and also made their first showing in the State Channel at the Babylon Cut. Big blues were riding herd on schools of live bunker in the inlet on the weekend. Some boatmen reported action with blues to 17 pounds west of the R.M. Bridge late Sunday. Snappers are big and down deep with your best bet early in the morning. Crabbing at the docks has slowed considerably.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani weighed 6 weaks to 8 pounds along with a 17 pound striper for Bill Piazza and Pete Mancini on Thursday. The pair fished live bunker in the Wantagh area. On Saturday, Vinnie and Rosalie Lang caught many blacks but kept 25 up to 6¾ pounds at the Kismet Reef. Same day, Ted, Mickey, Helen, Ellen, Patty and Jack aboard the Whirling Dirvish kept 67 blackfish including several in the 6-7 pound range. They too fished Kismet. Mike noted that fiddlers are accounting for most of the tautog scores, some of the biggest blacks are being taken on green crabs. Some decent flounder action at the Sore Thumb although many of the

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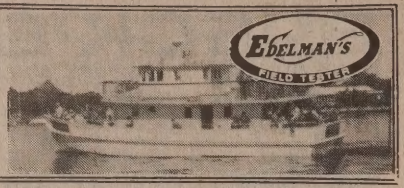

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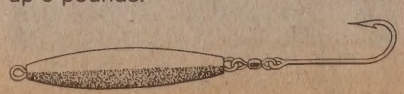
Over at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo found time on Monday and Thursday to add to his weakfish tally. He put away 7 on Monday and 5 more on Thursday fishing opposite Ocean Beach (in the bay). Fish range from 4-8 pounds and are being taken on red jellyworms. Jay Mullin fished the Robert Moses Bridge on Saturday and put away an impressive catch of 18 blacks from 3 to 6.4 pounds on fiddler crabs. He returned lots of smaller fish. Some nice early catches of flounder made this week in the Massapequa Cove area and some action with school bass, mostly shorts, trolling near the Robert Moses Bridge and clam chumming in the State Channel. Fred Hegemeyer ran to the Mud Hole looking for tuna. Instead he settled for a 316 pound thresher shark.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported that Nick Tambakis used green crabs on the Kismet Reef on Saturday. He finished up with 27 nice blacks to 6 pounds. On Wednesday, a catch of 30 flatties along with some sea bass, porgies and blowfish was taken aboard the Reel Affair. Some weaks livelined at the wreck buoy and the Sore Thumb.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** reported weaks being taken at Ocean Beach and the Wreck Buoy, the latter spot on live bunker. Lots of 10-14 pound class bluefish reported SE of the inlet in 125' of water by shark anglers. Frank did know of a couple of makos taken over the wrecks of the Yankee and the San Diego. On Sunday, Angelo Ditur, his son Tony and Charlie Motuon fished the Rota Wreck with green crabs and fiddlers. They accounted for 45 blacks up 6 pounds.



West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

The blow from the northwest with accompanying dropping temperatures both cooled local waters and blew away a lot of the green and red algae blooms that had dirtied up local waters over the summer. As a result, offshore action at the canyon became somewhat hot for bigeyes and yft. Bluefishing remains excellent most days. Fluking is about shot and the flounder are good to very good every day. Snappers are all over the place as are by-catches of pin bass, sand porgies. Blackfish reports have been very good.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

We hear of good fishing out of **Pop's Fishing Station** in Seaford mostly at the 3rd and 2nd Wantagh bridges. A few fluke have been caught this past week and a lot of flounder have shown up with accompanying catches of blue claws, pin bass and sand porgies. Bay blues are being taken around the bridges also on squid.

A call from Captain Brian of the **Chinco III** told of excellent flounder-ing all week right through Sunday. High hooks on the full day trips weekdays were in the 40s everyday and in the 30s on the weekend half day trips. Cooler water temperatures have resulted in flounder being found in all the back creeks and almost all the local spots produced. Sizes have improved and pools are running over 2 lbs. This week was the week that consistent fall flounder fishing start-ed. Crowds have been light and catches good.

Over at **Wanser's Tackle** we learn-ed that the best fluking of the week has been in Jones Inlet, with one angler taking 11 good keepers during the week. Sand porgies have been a good item at the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh and Massapequa Cove. Snapper action has been super. Flounder have been quite decent at the 3rd Wantagh and Four Corners while some stripers have been chummed at the 3rd Wantagh and Black Banks on clam bellies. Lon says there's a good fall mixed bag out there right now with only more im-provement in sight as the water cools. Blue claws have been dynamite.

We hear from **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** that Sandy and Phil of College Pt, fishing the 3rd Wantagh Friday took 16 keeper fluke on live snappers. Lots of flounder being

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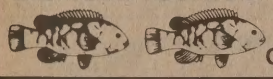

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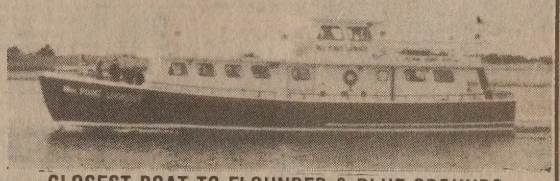

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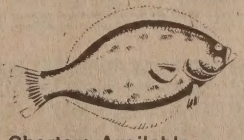

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taken in the same place, running 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. on worms, both tides. Plenty of snappers and blue claws all over the bay said Artie and a few porgies and sea bass mixed in.

We hear from Mike at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh that the best bet of the week has been porgies and sea bass which seem to be throughout the bay. They are in the deeps, the flats, at the bridges, etc. Up to 3/4 lbs. on both tides. Sand worms and clam have been the ticket. Flounder being caught in Swift and Long Creeks and Garretts Lead on bloods on incoming water. Fish are from small to 1¼ lbs., 10 to 30 per boat. Snapper fishing very good in the state channel and the inlet with best results on half to 1 ounce tins. Blackfish from 1/2 to 3/4 lbs. with slack being best at the bridges. Green crabs take the biggest fish but fiddler will get you greater numbers. Sea bassing has been good at the offshore wrecks. Through Saturday CHolera has been dynamite on 3 to 6 lb. blues with some alligators mixed in. Butterfish and chum has been the best bet with spearing on the hook for bonito. When there's the least boat traffic you'll find the best fishing.

Gary at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick has had customers telling him of the very good blackfishing at local bridges on green crabs and fiddlers along with a good scattering of sand porgies on clam and squid. Flounder action has been lively off Short Beach and Swift Creek on worms and a few weakfish have been taken by customers at the local bridges when it's quiet on worms fished on the bottom. Load of blues at Cholera.

Over in Freeport, we hear from the **Captain Lou Fleet** that flounder fishing has been excellent all week with the full day boat having high hooks into the 60s every day. Thursday saw Pat Purillo with 62 and Lenny with 70. Friday was super with

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We learn from Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** that every day and night trip was very productive with the exception of Friday. Best action has been at 17 Fathoms where fish have been running up to 18 lbs. and fish are of all mixed sizes on bait and jigs. There's been a few bonito and albacore mixed in with the week's catch.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** we learn that the **Super Spray Ii** has now swung over to sea bass, blacks and porgies on a 7AM daily schedule while continuing the night bluefish trips. Blues have been great day and night said dockmaster Bob for both the **SS II** and the charter boats. Best fluking during the week has been in Jones Inlet. Yellowfin tuna have been excellent at the Canyon. Aboard The Fisherman on the weekend 20 YFT in the 70 lb. class were taken. Plenty of blues out in the deeps and there's all clean water at the canyon said Bob. Lots of sea bass and porgies on inshore wreck.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** told of continued good bluefishing most days this week, fish to 15 lbs. Mike Geddes of the NYPD bagged a 15 lber. as did Wayne Peseri. L. Rhainsdorff of Carmel had to be satisfied with a 14 lber. Gene Gluck of Brewster NY also had a 14 lber. High hook of the week was Bob Deneher of Brewster with 26 blues, while Terry Stewart of the 526 Club had 23. Action was S and SW of Jones mostly on bait and chum.

We hear from the charter boat **Lady J III** that his parties have been bluefishing all week mainly on butterfish and chum from Cholera to 17 Fathoms. All decent trips with the exception of Friday and some picky action on Sunday. Fish have been running 1 to 5 lbs. with lunkers up to 11. Tuesday's trip was for Schenkeris International, Jamaica, Queens. Wednesday's trip was for ARM Corp, Jamaica, while Thursday's trip was for Brede Abbott and Morgan of NYC. Friday's trip was for Manufacturers Hanover and Friday night trip for the Dave Cohen group. Saturday it was the Wantagh Fire Dept. and Saturday

night the Frank Herbek group. Sunday's trip was for th eTarrytown Fire Dept.

Hot tuna news from **Sea Isle Sports**. A call from JR told of a trip Sunday for himself, Ron Feuring Sr. and Bob along with Bill Rauth of Dytek on Bill's Boat Deeper. They ran to Hudson canyon and had 16 bigeyes from 100 to 125 lbs. along with a dozen 50 lb. yellowfins. This was all taken trolling Konas and Jet Heads. JR noted the water at the canyon was extremely clean and clear.

In nearby Pt. Lookout the **Capt. Bill** tells of a Saturday charter which had very good catches of 3 to 6 lb. blues at 17 Fathoms. Sunday's flounder trip saw very good catches with high hook 23 fish down to a low hook of 15. Action was in Swift Creek and fish ran 3/4 to 1¾ lbs.

Ed's Fishing Station told of a very good weekend of action for their rental boats. Some fluke were taken in Jones. A lot of flounder were caught anywhere from the CG station to the Big M and up in the flats with fish 3/4 to 1½ lbs. on worms. Blackfish action has been very good at the Big M on fiddlers, fish to 3¾ lbs. Small sea bass and sand porgies in abundance in Reynolds on worms and lots of snappers all over.

The **Miss Point Lookout** has now switched over to flounder fishing days and as Capt. Ron says he's featuring free worms on all trips. Saturday's AM trip had Evelyn Sachs with a 3 lb. pool winner. On the PM trip Angelo Massino took the pool. On Sunday AM, regular Mike bagged the pool with a 5 lb. fluke. This was Mike's 3rd week in a row to take the pool. Sunday afternoon was slow but regular Don bagged the pool anyway. The night bluefish trips said the skipper have been excellent every night.

Bluefishing this week has been great said Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al**. Best action was at Cholera through Thursday, the balance of the week was closer inshore and also to the west at 17 Fathoms on the weekend. Most days saw catches of over 500 fish a day over 15 lbs. plus a few bonito. Several days during the week the boat came in early, anglers arm weary. Al says night trips have been very good also. Fish have been hitting bait best all week. Fish were jigged also on Sunday. The skipper said the fishing is very consistent now and is an excellent time to fill the freezer.

WJord from **Scotty's Fishing Station** has been mixed bags of blacks, porgies and sea bass at the Meadowbrook bridge and some late fluke in Jones. Flounder have been good item in Swift Creek on worms and some weakfish have been taken off Pt. Lookout jetties from 10 to 15 lbs. on live baby blackfish.

A call from **Long Beach Boat Rentals** told of excellent blackfish action, fish up to 8 lbs. at the ABB, on fiddlers, both tides. John Eckes bagged 37 to 4 lbs. while fishing with his son and grandson. Some fluke on

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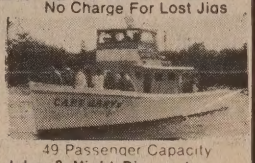

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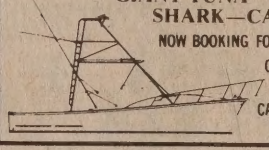

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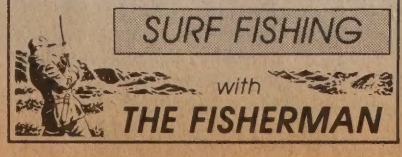

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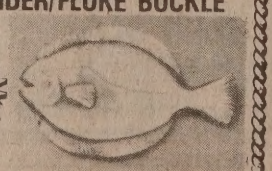

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spearing at buoys 9 and 7. Porgies aNd sea bass throughout the bay on squid and worms and some flatties off the Magnolia Blvd. pier. John Pulser had 4 of them, to 2 lbs. Huge blues in 30 ft. of water being taken on bunker, fish 15 to 20 lbs.

Word from Charlie Beckmann at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook is of excellent blackfishing at the inlets and jetties. Fish are big, up to 4 lbs. on fiddlers and green crabs. Best action has been at the low turn of the tide on sand eels-squid combos. Hank Cotter of Baldwin Harbor on the boat Blue Nose in Jones Inlet had 4 fluke from 2½ to 5 lbs. Saturday. He said other boats duplicated that feat, just outside the inlet. Jones Beach Piers have been producing loads of small porgies. Snappers are large and plentiful and responding well to chunked sand eels. Try mixing sand eels in with your bluefish chum and see if this doesn't increase catches of bonito and albacore.

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Blackfishing has been excellent at the bridges and jetties, reports **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway, on the inshore wrecks on fiddlers. Flounder starting in the Cedarhurst Yacht Club area, Short Beach and at the bridges. Fluking has been on the edge of the reefs and off Romer Shoals. Bluefish have been moving in on the beaches chasing bait. The canyon has opened up again with one customer boating 2 bigeyes and dropping 4 and also baiting a hammerhead shark on a skipping eel. Snappers and bccs good at Bay Park and East Rockaway channel. Good mixed bags.

According to Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay, blues and weakfish are available in the bridge areas on both chunk and live bunker. Blackfish are starting to be taken off both bridge and jetties on fiddlers with the 86th St. rock jetty particularly hot. Snappers and blue claws excellent off both bridges and a few flounder starting to be caught.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Wee Willie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** across from the fleet told of good day and night fishing on the party boats with bigger fish being caught daytime at 17 fathoms on bait. Lots of smaller blues being jigged at the Tin Can. Fair mixed bags of porgies, black ans sea bass being made at inshore wrecks and rocky areas. Saturday, a 9½ lb. fluke was hoisted on a bay charter by Jim Macaluso of Brooklyn. The doormat fell to a spearing. Lots of bonito mixed in with bluefish.

We learn from Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** that bluefish action Monday through Wednesday was very good with heavy by-catches of bonito and albes. Blues were mixed sizes. Bait and jigs were employed. Thursday and Friday saw colossal

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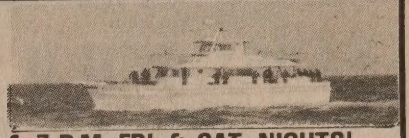

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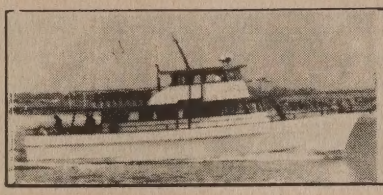

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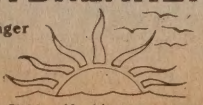

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catches at 17 Fathoms with a lot of weakfish mixed in. Saturday's action at 17 was poor but Sunday bounced back again with action from Romer Shoals to Coney Island pier. Action was fantastic with mixed fish to 18 lbs. with some weaks and bass mixed in, all on jigs.

Hanging in with the fluke is Capt. Butch of the**Zephyr** who is picking away in the bay, around the islands, old Orchard, Romer Shoals, etc. Saturday's action along the beach was poor says Butch, but Sunday things picked up again in the back. Friday's fishing was excellent, fish running from 16 inches to 3 lbs. The boat will be staying with the fluke until the very last one leaves.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Large bluefish in the western zone dominated the reports. Strong northerly winds during much of the week knocked out fishing on the East End, but the latter part of the weekend was good everywhere. Early tautog reports looked very good and porgies continued to please.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said "You can walk on the bluefish. All sizes with a few weakfish underneath. They'll take everything, all day long! There's so much bunker in here...that's all you need!" One 35 pound bass was taken on a popper near the Bridge.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** had much the same story. Andy Macejko trolled a 12 pound blue and Stan Zarneski managed a 20 pound alligator on a live bunker within 100 yards of the dock. There were still plenty of local porgies.

The **Klondike VIII** had blues in all sizes from cocktails to 12-15 pounds, and Pete Pearson explained that the fish were scattered from New Rochelle all the way to Cranes. Smithtown Bay has lots of small blues, and there are occasional bass and weakfish underneath the choppers. Sailing time is now 8 a.m.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** said that he was finding "all the porgies you want" in mixed sizes from pins to 1½ pounds. A lot of blackfish were showing up with a few to four pounds. Center Island was particularly good for scup and particular porgy pickers could still wind up keeping 15-25 of the larger fish per day.

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bill Collins of the **Ever Ready** reported a red hot Saturday and Sunday with bags to 40 per fare on bluefish to 11 pounds. Sizes were anywhere from two pounds up. Sell out crowds of 40 anglers were there on both days and were treated to the sight of numerous schools of false albacore and one small whale that hangs around the Obstruction Buoy.

The Cedars at **Huntington Prop** began the report of bluefish off the beaches on bunker and silver spoons. "All the blues you want" to ten pounds or so are available with an occasional weakfish. Joe DiMaggio pulled a 15.2 weakfish on a bunker on Wednesday night, and Charley Burke had a pair of 16 inch fluke.

Eileen at **Greenlawn Sport** was seeing lots of big bluefish with the average in the eight to ten pound range from Eatons to Lilco. Chunk baits fished close to shore are the best bet and there are porgies in the Sand City area as well.

Tom **Bowman** felt that porgy action was pretty good around Buoy 6 and from the Coast Guard Station to Sand City in 25 feet of water. Some of the blues off Sand City will push 12-18 pounds and the Coast Guard Station has been great. There are incredible numbers of bunker in Northport Bay now.

Tim **Caraftis** felt that there was excellent porgy fishing everywhere around Port Jeff with some small and some large fish. One 3½ pounder came from the deep water ledges. Blackfishing has yet to get started.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** saw alot of small porgies from shallow areas on Sunday with fluke from deeper water. Anglers using bunkers and drails in 110 feet of water pulled some blues to 16 pounds and a few weakfish to 11 pounds came from 55 feet of water in front of the Station.

The **Complete Angler** described torrid bluefishing at the mouth of Mount Sinai Harbor with chunks and whole bunker the tickets. No one fished poppers or artificials with the bunker schools so large.

Tom Brady at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told us that the shop was stocking live eels and fiddler crabs for the fall and will have the first green crabs soon. It was as simple as "find the bunker schools...find the big blues" in local waters.

NORTH FORK

Captain Marty's again had catches from 5 to 12 summer weakfish per boat from the livery fleet on Saturday and Sunday. Porgy fishing gets better and better with an unusual pod of jumbos located near the South Race. Most fish are in smaller sizes off Buoy 18 and there are scup west of Robins Island as well along with blowfish.

Maureen at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** said that they enjoyed a pretty good Sunday when the winds lay down. There were still a lot of sand porgies around but there were many fish in the 1-2 pound range now. One 14 pound weakfish was weighed late Sunday. It's the fourth giant tide runner this season caught by a porgy angler. Lots of bluefish are available for local anglers, too with size ranges all the way up to slammers.

The **Port of Egypt** also had good fishing over the weekend with larger porgies showing in Little Peconic Bay Buoys 17 and 18 and at South Ferry. There are still small bluefish at Jessups.

The **Nancy Ann** boats made their first forays on tautog over the weekend with good results. The **Nancy Ann** had 75 blackfish to 7 pounds for a Sunday charter with alot of 3-5 pound fish aboard. Dan Buckley on the **Nancy Ann II** reported much the same along with some large porgies. All the fishing is within 20 minutes of Orient. There's a nice pick of flounder available too. Bluefishing in the area is still fantastic with some larger fish to 12 pounds now scattered off Gardiner's. Most choppers are still three to five pounds. Buckley still has some openings for the open boat bass trips on September's full moon.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** was back in action over the weekend with good results on tautog at the turn of the tide. Small porgies were a nuisance in the flounder zones, but most customers had nearly 15 keeper porgies and plenty of blackfish in the two to three pound range as well.

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Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Last week's cool temperatures spurred many surfmen into action. In many cases, bluefish provided the cure for a long summer of picky surf action. Blitzlike fishing occured for blues along many south shore beaches stretching from Moriches east during the week. With few exceptions, the fishing petered over the weekend. While bluefish provided the bulk of the action on both north and south shores, school bass action continued to build on the north shore beaches on night tides and at least a couple of big stripers were drilled from the south shore surf by unsuspecting casters.

Before getting on with this week's reports, Don Musso, maker of the Superstrike plug line called to ask our help in trying to locate a surf bag full of sentimental favorites which he left behind at Caumsett Friday night. Anyone finding a surf bag fitted with a surgical tube shoulder strap after 9:30 PM Friday nights in the parking area could really make Don's season by returning the bag to him. Anyone with any information on the bag can call me here at The Fisherman (516-725-4200) and we'll put you in touch with Don.

Casters along Montauk's south side beaches found themselves knee deep in bluefish through nearly all last week. Unfortunately, for the hordes of casters who treked to the point on the weekend, the fishing deteriorated considerably by Saturday and by Sunday was almost nonexistant. During the week, popping plugs and tins took a heavy toll on fish ranging from 3 and 4 on up to 7 and 8 pounds. Some larger fish were taken as well but the bulk of the fish fell into the 3 to 6 pound class. Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** who kept us

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abreast of the action reported a slow weekend in general for surfmen. Without the bluefish, some casters concentrated up front but just a couple of small weaks and small bass fell to casters from North Bar to the Light. John expects that its just a matter of time before the fishing breaks loose again.

Chris Salb of Bayview Marine and Tackle in **Sag Harbor** reported lots of blues, most in the 4-5 pound range, with some larger, taken on tins and poppers taken at Sagaponack and East Hampton Town Beaches this week. A few six pound weakfish also found their way into the fray.

Bluefish were thick along the beaches from the east side of Shinnecock Inelt to Bridgehampton as well according to Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**. Fish ranged anywhere from 4 to 15 pounds and were taken on tins and poppers during the week and over the weekend with the best weekend action during the early morning hours. No word on any bass or weakfish action along this stretch of beach as of yet.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** put in a word for the bluefish action on both sides of Moriches this past week. Here too though, weekend fishing was poor with lots of weed plaguing the efforts of most casters. Fish were taken inside the inlet during the week with some big blues into the teens taken towards dark and after dark on plugs. Bait accounted for a good number of big blues along the Smith Point Shore over the course of the week with some fish managed over the weekend as well. Joe Modica and Andy Torre managed several choppers in the low teens on eels at Smith Point Saturday night.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** Dave Canale reported that while fishing along Fire Island Beaches was tough during the week, Democrat Point showed some life Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. He reported a pick of mixed size blues ranging from 2 on up to 15 pounds taken on bait and plugs. Across from Democrat Point, Cedar Beach has been quiet. Dave spent Friday night working the Cedar Bar with 'Bucktail' Sal and reported no fish taken by a score of casters.

Further confirmation of action with blues at Democrat came from Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** who looked over a catch of 3 big blues taken on mackerel chunks Friday night by a regular named George. Mike Nicoletti of **Causeway Bait and**

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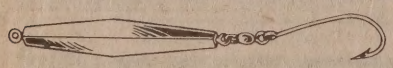

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Tackle reported a cooler full of slammers to 18 pounds taken Friday PM—Saturday AM on bait by 'Garage Door' Bob. Mike also relayed word of good action at Jones Beach this past week. Casters at West End 2 had plenty of 3-5 pound blues along with some 1-3 pound weaks on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Casters working parking field 6 had fish on Wednesday and Thursday including some big blues into the mid-teens taken on bait. School bass activity continued on the weekend at West End with teasers fished ahead of swimming plugs or tins accounting for fish ranging from 20 to 22 inches. Saturday saw Dr. Richard Vickers nail a 37.12 pound bass on a 5½" mackerel finished Redfin.

A last minute call from Noel Kappauf at Captree Bait and Tackle revealed a 30 pound striper taken this Monday morning at Democrat Point. The fish was taken on a bunker chunk by Tony Zienteck of North Babylon.

Up on the north shore, George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington** reported steady bluefish action at Caumsett, Northport Beaches and along Smithtown Bay this past week. Big blues even invaded the Huntington Town Dock an hour before we spoke. The best fishing has been evenings with Thursday particularly good at Caumsett. A good number of 8 to 11 pound blues were taken by casters throwing plugs. Charlie Ruger had 9 blues in the 10 pound range Thursday PM on Superstrike swimming plugs.

To the east, Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported blues mixed in sizes from 2 pounds on up to 17 pounds being taken from Cranes Neck east to Wading River. Best action on the bigger fish has been on chunk bait. School bass being picked along local beaches on night tides. They range from shorts to 26 inches and are being taken on Redfins or Rebels and dropper combos.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater fishing took on a decidedly fall flavor this week as some of the smaller lakes began to turn over and weedbeds, even on the larger bodies of water, started to retreat from the surface. Responding to cool evening temperatures, action with trout (including several sea runs) picked up considerably, as did crappie and pickerel fishing. The first white perch are starting to show in south shore tidal creeks. Bass fishing continues to be a little on the slow side.

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet ... —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	—	12:00	12:20	12:50	12:20	12:50	1:15	1:35	3:00	3:20	3:00	4:25	—	12:05	9/19
FRI.	12:35	1:05	1:20	1:50	1:20	1:45	2:15	2:40	4:00	4:20	4:05	5:30	12:30	1:05	9/20
SAT.	1:35	2:10	2:20	2:55	2:20	2:50	3:25	3:45	5:20	5:45	6:20	6:45	1:35	2:10	9/21
SUN.	2:40	3:15	3:30	4:05	3:25	3:55	4:35	4:55	7:00	7:25	7:30	7:50	2:40	3:15	9/22
MON.	3:55	4:20	4:45	5:20	4:35	5:00	5:45	6:05	8:10	8:35	8:30	8:55	3:50	4:20	9/23
TUES.	5:05	5:30	5:55	6:20	5:40	6:05	6:50	7:10	9:15	9:40	9:30	9:50	4:50	5:20	9/24
WED.	6:05	6:25	6:55	7:15	6:40	7:00	7:45	8:00	10:05	10:30	10:15	10:35	5:45	6:10	9/25
THURS.	6:50	7:10	7:40	8:00	7:30	7:45	8:30	8:45	10:50	11:15	11:00	11:20	6:35	6:55	9/26

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/19	6:44	7:03
FRI. 9/20	6:45	7:00
SAT. 9/21	6:46	6:59
SUN. 9/22	6:47	6:58
MON. 9/23	6:48	6:56
TUE. 9/24	6:49	6:55
WED. 9/25	7:00	6:54

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/19	12:32PM	9:55PM
FRI. 9/20	1:47PM	10:43PM
SAT. 9/21	2:54PM	11:39PM
SUN. 9/22	3:37PM	—
MON. 9/23	4:37PM	12:44AM
TUE. 9/24	5:14PM	1:52AM
WED. 9/25	5:44PM	3:00AM

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	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Fri.	10:45	4:35	11:20	5:05
Sat.	11:50	5:40	—	6:10
Sun.	12:25	6:35	12:45	7:05
Mon.	1:20	7:30	1:40	7:55
Tues.	2:10	8:20	2:30	8:45
Wed.	3:00	9:05	3:15	9:30
Thurs.	3:45	9:50	4:00	10:10

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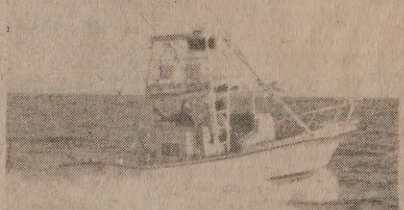

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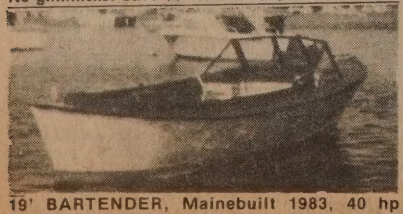

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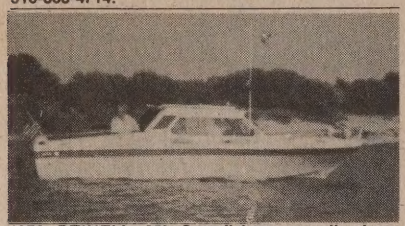

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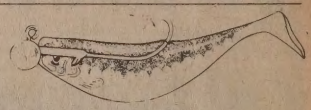

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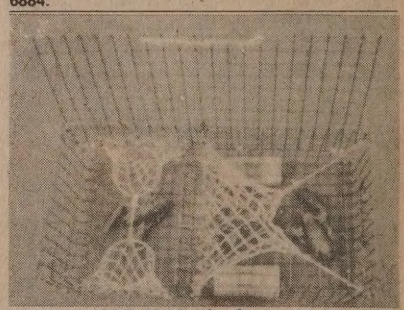

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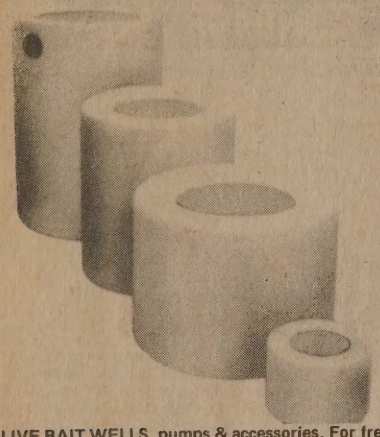

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At **Causeway Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Wantagh**, Bobby Turturello told us that while he had no specifics tc report, he did know that anglers using live killies were taking some nice pickerel in the Wantagh Twin Lakes. Lots of big crappies are mixing in with the pickerel and those working the south lake are also taking an occasional legal sized bass.

From **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, Fred Laager reported that he worked the Carmen's River Tuesday evening and came away with brown trout of 14" and 11" in addition to a small brookie. Fred used white Cahills to dupe his trout but mentioned that at this time of year any white pattern should produce. In the Seatucket Mill Pond, Carl Paulsi dunked doughballs early in the week and came away with a 7.5 pound carp. Fred added that anglers working the upstate Delaware, Beaverkill, and Willowmoc Rivers were experiencing some fine trout action.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, informs us that while he has not weighed in any freshwater fish lately, fishermen are still taking carp each evening in Carl's River and Hawley's Pond.

There have been few reports of bass from **Lake Ronkonkoma** filed lately at **Pine Grove Outfitters**. Anglers are taking some fish but you really have to work for them. One fish of about 4.5 pounds was taken Sunday morning. Catfishing and action with panfish has been fair on worm baits.

Trout fishing in Connetquot River State Park has picked up a little bit according to the crew at **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. On Tuesday, Gorden Griswald clicked with a 4.11 pound rainbow. There have also been rumors of sea run trout taken off of Dowling College. Plenty of sunfish are ready and willing at Cuttings Pond but bassing has been slow.

From his office at Caleb Smith State Park, Mike Venuti informed us that last Sunday saw some impressive catches of rainbow and brook trout with several 4-5 pound class fish taken. Fishing slacked off a little after until Friday when another flurrie took place. Most of the trout taken recently have been brookies with an occasional rainbow throw in for good measure. No sea run fish here as yet.

Trout fishing also headlines our report from **J&J Bait and Tackle** of **Patchogue**. According to Paul Graniello, Jim Flynn connected with sea run browns of 3.2 and 4.4 pounds on consecutive days. Jim worked a series of local tidal creeks using night crawlers to take his fish. The first white perch have also begun to filter into these tidal creeks and it shouldn't be long until they show in force. In the Patchogue lakes, bass fishing has been slow but there are a lot of hungry panfish to take up the slack.

Only a few small bass coming from the Yaphank lakes was the word from Al Schreier of the **Sportsman's Center** in **Medford**. Other than that, the freshwater side has been relatively quiet.

George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead** called the fishing "a little slow" this week but noted that Mike Feren of Riverhead managed eight bass and a pickerel at Forge Pond. John Blunden and Dave Romeo together worked Forge Pond on Saturday and clicked with five keeping sized bass, largest 18". A few catfish and panfish are hitting in Peconic River but this action has been sporadic.

From Rochester N.Y., Captain Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** gave a call to let us all know that the salmon fishing in Lake Ontario has been fantastic all week long. Both chinook and coho salmon are stationed off the mouth of the Genesee River in 25-30 feet of water. On Saturday, Bill's charters hooked and landed 9 salmon to 25 pounds. Sunday saw four fish 15-25 pounds. Bill has been following the gulls while fishing the edge of the fleet with crome jay plugs and expects the fast action to continue for a few more weeks.

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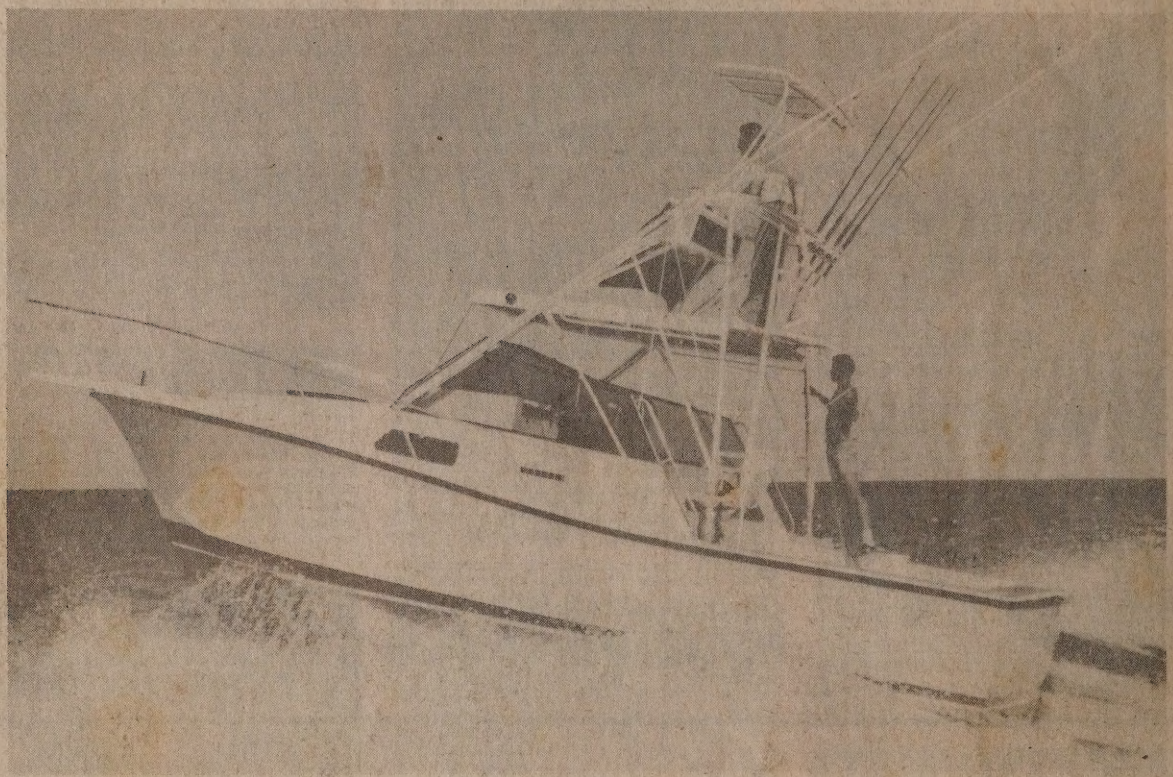

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